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AT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

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AND IN THE TWENTY-FIRST YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

BEGUN and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the fifth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, being the Second Session of the Fourth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,

{ Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
John S. Sherburne, and
Jeremiah Smith.

From Massachusetts,

{ Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Henry Dearborn,
Dwight Foster,
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
Samuel Lyman,
William Lyman,
John Reed,
George Thatcher,
Joseph Bradley Varnum, and
Peleg Wadsworth.

From Rhode Island,

Francis Malbone.

From Connecticut,

{ Joshua Coit,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Nathaniel Smith, and
Zephaniah Swift, and

From New York,

{ Theodorus Bailey,
William Cooper,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
John Williams.

From New Jersey,	{ Jonathan Dayton, (Speaker) Aaron Kitchell, and Isaac Smith,
From Pennsylvania,	{ Albert Gallatin, Samuel Maclay, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, John Richards, Samuel Sitgreaves, and John Swanwick.
From Delaware,	John Patten,
From Maryland,	{ George Dent, William Hindman, and Richard Sprigg, junior.
From Virginia,	{ John Clopton, Isaac Coles, George Jackson, James Madison, Anthony New, and Robert Rutherford.
From Kentucky,	Christopher Greenup.
From North Carolina,	{ Thomas Blount, and Matthew Locke.
From South Carolina,	William Smith.
From Georgia,	Abraham Baldwin.

A new member, to wit: Andrew Jackson, from Tennessee, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

And then a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number being present,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of Maryland, enclosing a return of the election of William Craik to serve as a member of this House, for the said State, in the room of Jeremiah Crabb, who has resigned his seat; which were read: Whereupon,

The said William Craik appeared; and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate and return from the Governor of Connecticut, of the election of James Davenport, to serve as a member of this House for the said State, in the room of James Hillhouse, appointed a Senator of the United States; which was read: Whereupon,

The said James Davenport appeared; and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania, enclosing a return of the election of George Ege, to serve as a member of this House for the said State, in the room of Daniel Heister, who has resigned his seat; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Thomas Lloyd, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, proposing to take down in short hand, and publish, for the use of the House, the debates of the present session, on the terms and conditions therein expressed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. Swift; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1796.

Several other members, to wit: from Vermont, Israel Smith; from New Jersey, Mark Thomson; from Pennsylvania, Richard Thomas; from Virginia, Carter B.

Harrison, John Heath, and Abraham Venable ; and from North Carolina, Jesse Franklin, William Barry Grove, James Holland, and Nathaniel Macon, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Ames, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Sitgreaves, be a committee, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Venable, Mr. Dent, Mr. Swift, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Blount, Mr. Muhlenberg, and Mr. Abiel Foster.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisals and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Gilman, Mr. Richard Sprigg, junior, and Mr. Macon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly, with the committee appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the act "for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States."

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Griswold, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Coles.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers printed in this city, such as the members, respectively, shall chuse, to be delivered at their lodgings ; provided, they do not exceed the price at which subscribers, citizens of Philadelphia, are furnished with them.

Mr. Ames, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service and that the President signified to them that he would make a communication to both Houses of Congress to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, in the Representatives' Chamber.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1796.

Another member, to wit : Samuel Sewall, returned to serve as a member of this House, for the State of Massachusetts, in the room of Benjamin Goodhue, appointed a Senator of the United States, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House is now ready to attend them in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses of Congress, yesterday ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and, being returned,

The Senate attended, and took seats in the House ; when, both Houses being assembled, the President of the United States came into the Representatives' chamber, and addressed them as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

In recurring to the internal situation of our country, since I had last the pleasure to address you, I find ample reason for a renewed expression of that gratitude to the Ruler

of the Universe, which a continued series of prosperity has so often and so justly called forth.

The acts of the last session, which required special arrangements, have been, as far as circumstances would admit, carried into operation.

Measures calculated to ensure a continuance of the friendship of the Indians, and to preserve peace along the extent of our interior frontier, have been digested and adopted. In the framing of these, care has been taken to guard, on the one hand, our advanced settlements from the predatory incursions of those unruly individuals who cannot be restrained by their tribes; and on the other hand to protect the rights secured to the Indians by treaty; to draw them nearer to the civilized state; and inspire them with correct conceptions of the power, as well as justice, of the Government.

The meeting of the Deputies from the Creek nation at Colerain, in the State of Georgia, which had for a principal object the purchase of a parcel of their land by that State, broke up without its being accomplished; the nation having, previous to their departure, instructed them against making any sale, the occasion, however, has been improved, to confirm, by a new treaty with the Creeks, their pre-existing engagements with the United States, and to obtain their consent to the establishment of trading Houses and military posts within their boundary; by means of which, their friendship, and the general peace, may be more effectually secured.

The period during the late session at which the appropriation was passed for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between the United States and his Britannic Majesty, necessarily procrastinated the reception of the posts stipulated to be delivered, beyond the date assigned for that event. As soon, however, as the Governor General of Canada could be addressed with propriety on the subject, arrangements were cordially and promptly concluded for their evacuation, and the United States took possession of the principal of them, comprehending Oswego, Niagara, Detroit, Michilimackinac, and Fort Miami, where such repairs and additions have been ordered to be made, as appeared indispensable.

The Commissioners appointed on the part of the United States and of Great Britain, to determine which is the river St. Croix mentioned in the treaty of peace of 1783, agreed in the choice of Egbert Benson, Esq. of New York, for the third Commissioner. The whole met at St. Andrew's, in Passamaquoddy Bay, in the beginning of October; and directed surveys to be made of the rivers in dispute; but, deeming it impracticable to have these surveys completed before the next year, they adjourned, to meet at Boston, in August 1797, for the final decision of the question.

Other Commissioners, appointed on the part of the United States, agreeably to the seventh article of the treaty with Great Britain, relative to captures and condemnation of vessels and other property, met the Commissioners of his Britannic Majesty, in London, in August last, when John Trumbull, Esq. was chosen by lot, for the fifth Commissioner. In October following, the Board were to proceed to business. As yet, there has been no communication of Commissioners on the part of Great Britain, to unite with those who have been appointed on the part of the United States, for carrying into effect the sixth article of the treaty.

The treaty with Spain required that the Commissioners for running the boundary line between the territory of the United States and his Catholic Majesty's provinces of East and West Florida should meet at the Natchez before the expiration of six months after the exchange of the ratifications, which was effected at Aranjuez on the twenty-fifth day of April; and the troops of his Catholic Majesty occupying any posts within the limits of the United States, were, within the same period, to be withdrawn. The Commissioner of the United States, therefore, commenced his journey for the Natchez in September; and troops were ordered to occupy the posts from which the Spanish garrisons should be withdrawn. Information has been recently received of the appointment of a Commissioner on the part of his Catholic Majesty, for running the boundary line; but none of any appointment for the adjustment of the claims of our citizens whose vessels were captured by the armed vessels of Spain.

In pursuance of the act of Congress passed in the last session, for the protection and relief of American seamen, agents were appointed, one to reside in Great Britain, and the other in the West Indies. The effects of the agency in the West Indies are not yet fully ascertained; but those which have been communicated afford grounds to believe the measure will be beneficial. The agent destined to reside in Great Britain, declining to accept the appointment, the business has consequently devolved on the Minister of the United States in London, and will command his attention, until a new agent shall be appointed.

After many delays and disappointments, arising out of the European war, the final

arrangements for fulfilling the engagements made to the Dey and Regency of Algiers, will, in all present appearance, be crowned with success; but under great, though inevitable disadvantages, in the pecuniary transactions, occasioned by that war, which will render a further provision necessary. The actual liberation of all our citizens, who were prisoners in Algiers, while it gratifies every feeling heart, is itself an earnest of a satisfactory termination of the whole negotiation. Measures are in operation for effecting treaties with the Regencies of Tunis and Tripoli.

To an active external commerce, the protection of a naval force is indispensable. This is manifest with regard to wars, in which a State itself is a party. But besides this, it is in our own experience, that the most sincere neutrality is not a sufficient guard against the depredations of nations at war. To secure respect to a neutral flag, requires a naval force, organized and ready to vindicate it from insult or aggression. This may even prevent the necessity of going to war, by discouraging belligerent Powers from committing such violations of the rights of the neutral party, as may, first or last, leave no other option. From the best information I have been able to obtain, it would seem as if our trade to the Mediterranean, without a protecting force, will always be insecure, and our citizens exposed to the calamities from which numbers of them have but just been relieved.

These considerations invite the United States to look to the means, and to set about the gradual creation of a Navy. The increasing progress of their navigation promises them, at no distant period, the requisite supply of seamen; and their means, in other respects, favor the undertaking. It is an encouragement, likewise, that their particular situation will give weight and influence to a moderate naval force in their hands. Will it not then be adviseable to begin, without delay, to provide and lay up the materials for the building and equipping of ships of war; and to proceed in the work, by degrees, in proportion as our resources shall render it practicable without inconvenience; so that a future war of Europe may not find our commerce in the same unprotected state in which it was found by the present?

Congress have repeatedly, and not without success, directed their attention to the encouragement of manufactures. The object is of too much consequence not to ensure a continuance of their efforts in every way which shall appear eligible. As a general rule, manufactures on public account, are inexpedient. But where the state of things in a country leaves little hope that certain branches of manufacture will, for a great length of time, obtain; when these are of a nature essential to the furnishing and equipping of the public force in time of war; are not establishments for procuring them on public account, *to the extent of the ordinary demand for the public service*, recommended by strong considerations of national policy, as an exception to the general rule? Ought our country to remain in such cases dependent on foreign supply, precarious, because liable to be interrupted? If the necessary articles should, in this mode, cost more in time of peace, will not the security and independence thence arising, form an ample compensation? Establishments of this sort, commensurate only with the calls of the public service in time of peace, will, in time of war, easily be extended in proportion to the exigencies of the Government; and may even, perhaps, be made to yield a surplus for the supply of our citizens at large, so as to mitigate the privations from the interruption of their trade. If adopted, the plan ought to exclude all those branches which are already, or likely soon to be, established in the country, in order that there may be no danger of interference with pursuits of individual industry.

It will not be doubted, that with reference either to individual or national welfare, agriculture is of primary importance. In proportion as nations advance in population, and other circumstances of maturity, this truth becomes more apparent, and renders the cultivation of the soil more and more an object of public patronage. Institutions for promoting it, grow up, supported by the public purse; and to what object can it be dedicated with greater propriety? Among the means which have been employed to this end, none have been attended with greater success than the establishment of Boards, composed of proper characters, charged with collecting and diffusing information, and enabled by premiums, and small pecuniary aids, to encourage and assist a spirit of discovery and improvement. This species of establishment contributes doubly to the increase of improvement, by stimulating to enterprize and experiment, and by drawing to a common centre the results every where, of individual skill and observation, and spreading them thence over the whole nation. Experience accordingly has shown, that they are very cheap instruments of immense national benefits.

I have heretofore proposed to the consideration of Congress, the expediency of establishing a National University, and also a Military Academy. The desirableness of

both these institutions, has so constantly increased with every new view I have taken of the subject, that I cannot omit the opportunity of once, for all, recalling your attention to them.

The Assembly to which I address myself, is too enlightened not to be fully sensible how much a flourishing state of the arts and sciences contributes to national prosperity and reputation. True it is, that our country, much to its honor, contains many seminaries of learning highly respectable and useful; but the funds upon which they rest are too narrow to command the ablest professors, in the different departments of liberal knowledge, for the institution contemplated; though they would be excellent auxiliaries.

Amongst the motives to such an institution, the assimilation of the principles, opinions, and manners of our countrymen, by the common education of a portion of our youth from every quarter, well deserves attention. The more homogeneous our citizens can be made in these particulars, the greater will be our prospect of permanent union; and a primary object of such a national institution should be, the education of our youth in the science of *Government*. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? and what duty more pressing on its Legislature, than to patronize a plan for communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?

The institution of a Military Academy is also recommended by cogent reasons. However pacific the general policy of a nation may be, it ought never to be without an adequate stock of military knowledge for emergencies. The first would impair the energy of its character, and both would hazard its safety, or expose it to greater evils when war could not be avoided. Besides, that war might often not depend upon its own choice. In proportion as the observance of pacific maxims might exempt a nation from the necessity of practising the rules of the military art, ought to be its care in preserving and transmitting, by proper establishments, the knowledge of that art. Whatever argument may be drawn from particular examples, superficially viewed, a thorough examination of the subject will evince, that the art of war is at once comprehensive and complicated; that it demands much previous study; and that the possession of it in its most improved and perfect state, is always of great moment to the security of a nation. This, therefore, ought to be a serious care of every Government; and for this purpose, an Academy, where a regular course of instruction is given, is an obvious expedient, which different nations have successfully employed.

The compensations to the officers of the United States, in various instances, and in none more than in respect to the most important stations, appear to call for legislative revision. The consequences of a defective provision, are of serious import to the Government. If private wealth is to supply the defect of public retribution, it will greatly contract the sphere within which the selection of character for office is to be made, and will proportionally diminish the probability of a choice of men able as well as upright. Besides, that it would be repugnant to the vital principles of our Government, virtually to exclude from public trusts, talents and virtue, unless accompanied by wealth.

While, in our external relations, some serious inconveniences and embarrassments have been overcome, and others lessened, it is with much pain and deep regret I mention, that circumstances of a very unwelcome nature have lately occurred. Our trade has suffered, and is suffering, extensive injuries in the West Indies, from the cruisers and agents of the French Republic; and communications have been received from its Minister here, which indicate the danger of a further disturbance of our commerce by its authority; and which are, in other respects, far from agreeable.

It has been my constant, sincere, and earnest wish, in conformity with that of our nation, to maintain cordial harmony, and a perfect friendly understanding with that Republic. This wish remains unabated; and I shall persevere in the endeavor to fulfil it, to the utmost extent of what shall be consistent with a just and indispensable regard to the rights and honor of our country; nor will I easily cease to cherish the expectation, that a spirit of justice, candor, and friendship, on the part of the Republic, will eventually ensure success.

In pursuing this course, however, I cannot forget what is due to the character of our Government and nation; or to a full and entire confidence in the good sense, patriotism, self respect, and fortitude of my countrymen.

I reserve for a special message, a more particular communication on this interesting subject.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I have directed an estimate of the appropriations necessary for the service of the ensuing year to be submitted from the proper department, with a view of the public receipts and expenditures to the latest period to which an account can be prepared.

It is with satisfaction I am able to inform you, that the revenues of the United States continue in a state of progressive improvement.

A reinforcement of the existing provisions for discharging our public debt, was mentioned in my address at the opening of the last session. Some preliminary steps were taken towards it, the maturing of which will, no doubt, engage your zealous attention during the present. I will only add, that it will afford me a heart-felt satisfaction to concur in such further measures as will ascertain to our country the prospect of a speedy extinguishment of the debt. Posterity may have cause to regret, if, from any motive, intervals of tranquillity are left unimproved for accelerating this valuable end.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

My solicitude to see the Militia of the United States placed on an efficient establishment, has been so often, and so ardently expressed, that I shall but barely recall the subject to your view on the present occasion ; at the same time, that I shall submit to your inquiry, whether our harbors are yet sufficiently secured.

The situation in which I now stand, for the last time, in the midst of the Representatives of the People of the United States, naturally recalls the period when the administration of the present form of Government commenced ; and I cannot omit the occasion to congratulate you, and my country, on the success of the experiment, nor to repeat my fervent supplications to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and Sovereign Arbiter of Nations, that his providential care may still be extended to the United States ; that the virtue and happiness of the People may be preserved ; and that the Government which they have instituted for the protection of their liberties, may be perpetual.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *December 7, 1796.*

The President of the United States then withdrew, and the two Houses separated.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Speech of the President of the United States to both Houses be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1796.

Another member, to wit : James Gillespie, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A new member, to wit : George Ege, returned to serve as a member of this House for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of Daniel Heister, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Thomas Carpenter, of the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying the patronage of Congress to a publication which he has commenced, entitled the American Senator.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. Swift ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress, for the present session, one by each House, to interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States ;" which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that a respectful address ought to be presented by the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress at the commencement of this session, containing assurances that this House will take into consideration the various and important matters recommended to their attention.

Ordered, That Mr. Ames, Mr. Madison, Mr. Sitgreaves, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. William Smith, be appointed a committee to prepare an address pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Heath, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Williams.

A petition of William Clark, of the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, a sergeant in the Army during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Bunker's Hill, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of Lucy White, administratrix of Joseph White, late of Gerry, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the sum of five hundred dollars, allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, the second day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, with interest thereon, may be paid for the benefit of the creditors and heirs of the deceased, for his services in apprehending and bringing to conviction a certain James Bowers, of Westminster, in the said State, for forging certificates of public debt.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, or what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States," and to report by bill or otherwise:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Coit, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ege, Mr. Coles, Mr. Grove, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Andrew Jackson.

A petition of Thomas Wright Bacot, Postmaster at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1796.

Several other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, David Bard; from Virginia, Josiah Parker; and from North Carolina, Nathan Bryan, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of Samuel Chester, of Baltimore county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed such compensation for his services as a recruiting sergeant, in exercising, training, and arming, the militia and regular troops in the said county, during the late war, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gilman, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hill, made the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House :

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Swanwick, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Coit, Mr. Blount, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Dent.

The order of the day was further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1796.

Several other members, to wit : from New York, Edward Livingston ; from Pennsylvania, Andrew Gregg ; from Maryland, Gabriel Christie ; from Virginia, William B. Giles, Andrew Moore, and John Nicholas ; and from South Carolina, Robert Goodloe Harper, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of Nicholas Staats, Philip Staats, and Hugh Boyd, executors, and Anne Staats, executrix, to the last will and testament of Barent I. Staats, late of the county of Albany, in the State of New York, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a certain sum in the bills of credit emitted by Congress, which was advanced by the deceased to John Harrison, in behalf of Udney Hay, Deputy Quartermaster General for the State of New York, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial and representation of the Commissioners appointed under the act "for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States," was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress in the establishment of a National University within the limits of the City of Washington.

Ordered, That the said memorial and representation be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Goodrich ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Joseph Rittenhouse, of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, now confined in the debtors' apartment in the said city, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of a judgment obtained against him in the District Court of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the United States.

Also, a petition of Bartholomew Sarazin, of the City of Philadelphia, praying relief, in consideration of the distress of himself and family, occasioned by the destruction of his property in Cape Francois, on the twentieth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Swanwick, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Christie ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Charles White, of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of a penalty for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States, committed by Captain Joseph Hughes, of the schooner Neptune, the property of the petitioner, which has subjected the said schooner and her cargo to condemnation.

Also, a memorial of Richard D'Cantillon and Daniel Lefferts, of the county of Dutchess, in the State of New York, praying relief in the case of the sloop Union, the property of the memorialists, which was employed in the coasting trade, and, owing to unavoidable causes, has been deprived of the benefit of her enrolment and licence.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of Jesse Lowther and others was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Morgantown, in Virginia, to Clerksburg, in the said State, and from thence to Marietta, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed to inquire if any, or what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying sundry statements numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, in relation to the annual expenditures of the War Department, from the commencement of the present Government to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five ; also, an explanatory letter from the Register of the Treasury thereon ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress for the present session, and have elected the Right Reverend Bishop White, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress on the part of this House ; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the Whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Ashbel Green.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That all claims which, during the last session of Congress, were referred to the Committee of Claims, and not by them reported on, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the Committee of Claims, for their consideration and report, pursuant to the rules of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of April to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, inclusive ; also, of his payments and receipts on account of the War Department, from the first of April to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, inclusive ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the several reports of committees of the nineteenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, the first of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and the fifteenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, on sundry petitions of refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A petition of James Craford, of the county of Washington, in the State of New York, a refugee from Nova Scotia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained in his person and property, in adhering to the American cause, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hill ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1796.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Two other members, to wit : from Virginia, Thomas Claiborne and John Page, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate and return from the Governor of North Carolina, of the election of William Strudwick, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State, in the room of Absalom Tatom, who has resigned his seat ; which was read : Whereupon,

The said William Strudwick appeared ; and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him, by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House.

A petition of Constant Freeman, a refugee from Canada, by Ezekiel Freeman, his agent, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained in his person and property, in adhering to the American cause, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the reports of committees on the petitions of sundry refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia.

The petitions of Peter Lee, and of Cutlip Nestler, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in consideration of wounds or other injuries received whilst in the actual service of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of John Roff, of the county of Montgomery, in the State of New York, praying a re-consideration of his petition, presented the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three ; and that such relief may be granted him in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Lloyd and of Thomas Carpenter, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Gilman, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to report such laws of the United States as are near expiring, made a further report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress, being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the consideration of the said Address be postponed until to-morrow.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Philip Helphinstine, who presented a petition to this House, on the twenty-sixth of January last, have leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Committee of Claims, made the twenty-second of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, as relates to the petition of Benjamin Titcomb, be committed to a committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1796.

Two other members, to wit : from New Jersey, Thomas Henderson ; and from Pennsylvania, Thomas Hartley, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of Benjamin Thompson, of the State of Delaware, in behalf of himself and sundry other refugees from Canada, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained in their persons and property, in adhering to the American cause, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the reports of committees on the petitions of sundry refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia.

The several petitions of Dean Bangs, of Peter Sears, and of Nathan Winslow, of the State of Massachusetts, managing owners of the schooners Polly, Reliance, Sukey, and Two Brothers, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that they may receive the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the codfisheries of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Andrew Dunscomb, of the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying a re-consideration of his petition, presented the fifth of January last ; and that such relief may be granted him in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Freeman, one of the members for the State of Massachusetts, presented to the House a resolution of the Legislature of said State, ceding to the United States a tract

of land, called Gay's Head, on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, for the purpose of erecting a light-house thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a plan for laying and collecting direct taxes, by apportionment among the several States, agreeably to the rule prescribed by the Constitution, in pursuance of a resolution of the House, of the fourth of April last.

Ordered, That the said letter and plan do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Henry Hill, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same ; and that the said report be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the petition of Thomas Lloyd, and Thomas Carpenter ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table ; and the same being read, in the words following to wit :

"The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Lloyd and of Thomas Carpenter, report the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House cause the Members to be furnished, during the present session, with ——— copies of the debates of Congress, printed in this city, such as the Members, respectively, shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings, provided they do not exceed the price at which subscribers, citizens of Philadelphia, are furnished with them:"

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said Address under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said Address.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1796.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said Address under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to consider the said Address, at the Clerk's table, and the following clause, in the fourth paragraph, being under consideration, to wit : "And, while we participate in the full reliance you have expressed on the patriotism, self-respect, and fortitude of our countrymen, we cherish the pleasing hope that a mutual spirit of justice and moderation will ensure the success of your perseverance ;"

A motion was made and seconded to amend the said clause, by striking out the words "*while we participate in the full reliance you have expressed on the patriotism, self-respect, and fortitude of our countrymen ;*" and to insert, in lieu thereof, after the word "*perseverance*," at the end of the clause, the words, "at the same time we assure ourselves that your just confidence in the patriotism, self-respect, and fortitude, of our citizens, will not, in any event, be disappointed ; and that they will, on no occasion, forget what is due to the character and dignity of our Government and country."

The previous question was called for by five members, to wit :

"Shall the main question to agree to the said amendment, be now put ?"

And on the previous question, to wit: " Shall the said main question be now put ?"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
Nays 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Joshua Coit,
William Craik,
James Davenport,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,

Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Nathan Bryan,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
Albert Gallatin,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
William B. Grove,
Carter B. Harrison,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John Heath,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,

Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
Edward Livingston,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
John Richards,
John S. Sherburne,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, Jun.
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Abraham Venable.

Another motion was then made and seconded, to amend the said Address, by striking out, in the last paragraph thereof, the following clause, to wit :

" For our country's sake, for the sake of republican liberty, it is our earnest wish that your example may be the guide of your successors ; and thus, after being the ornament and safeguard of the present age, become the patrimony of our descendants."

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 24,
Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,

John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
Albert Gallatin,
William B. Giles,

Christopher Greenup,
John Heath,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Edward Livingston,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,

Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
Andrew Moore,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
John Swanwick,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Abraham Venable.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Nathan Bryan,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joshua Coit,
William Craik,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, Junr.
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Jonathan N. Havens,
Thomas Henderson,

William Hindman,
Aaron Kitchell,
Samuel Lyman,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
F. A. Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Samuel Sewall,
John S. Sherburne,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, Junr.
William Strudwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thacher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said Address, amended to read as followeth :

SIR : The House of Representatives have attended to your communication respecting the State of our country, with all the sensibility that the contemplation of the subject and a sense of duty can inspire.

We are gratified by the information that measures calculated to ensure a continuance of the friendship of the Indians, and to maintain the tranquillity of the Western frontier, have been adopted ; and we indulge the hope that these, by impressing the Indian tribes with more correct conceptions of the justice, as well as power of the United States, will be attended with success.

While we notice with satisfaction, the steps that you have taken, in pursuance of the late treaties with several foreign nations, the liberation of our citizens who were prisoners at Algiers, is a subject of peculiar felicitation. We shall cheerfully co-operate in any further measures that shall appear, on consideration, to be requisite.

We have ever concurred with you in the most sincere and uniform disposition to preserve our neutral relations inviolate, and it is, of course, with anxiety and deep regret we hear that any interruption of our harmony with the French Republic has occurred : For we feel, with you and with our constituents, the cordial and unabated wish to maintain a perfectly friendly understanding with that nation. Your endeavors to fulfil that wish, and by all honorable means to preserve peace, and to restore that harmony and affection which have heretofore so happily subsisted between the French Republic and the United States, cannot fail, therefore, to interest our attention. And while we participate in the full reliance you have expressed on the patriotism, self-respect, and fortitude, of our countrymen, we cherish the pleasing hope that a mutual spirit of justice and moderation will ensure the success of your perseverance.

The various subjects of your communication will respectively meet with the attention that is due to their importance.

George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
Albert Gallatin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Carter B. Harrison,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 John Heath,
 Thomas Henderson,
 William Hindman,
 George Jackson,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Samuel Lyman,
 James Madison,
 Francis Malbone,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 John Nicholas,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 John Reed,
 John Richards,

Samuel Sewall,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 William Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 William Strudwick,
 John Swanwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Mark Thompson,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
 Isaac Coles,
 William B. Giles,
 Christopher Greenup,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,

Edward Livingston,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon, and
 Abraham Venable.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address, and that Mr. Ames, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Sitgreaves, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when, and where, it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1796.

Two other members, to wit : from Maryland, William Vans Murray ; and from Virginia, Richard Brent, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lunenburg, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Goldson's to Mecklenburg Courthouse, by the way of St. Tammany ; and from Mecklenburg Courthouse to Lunenburg Courthouse, in the said State ; and that the post road from Mecklenburg Courthouse to Peytonsburg, may be discontinued.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire if any, or what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States."

A memorial of Jean Baptist Dumon, son and heir of Jean Baptist Dumon, late of Beauport, in the Province of Canada, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed certain advances, made by the deceased, for the support of the Army of the United States ; and, also, for losses and injuries sustained in his person and property, by adhering to the American cause, during the late war.

Also, a petition of John Conrad Latour, praying relief, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received, whilst a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, during the late war, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of William Crowley Jordan, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress in the establishment of a silk manufactory within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United

States, to know when, and where, it will be convenient for him to receive the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, who signified to them that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address, at two o'clock, this day, at his own house.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven: also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States, for one year preceding the first of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions, relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt; of the revenue; and of the expenditures; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. William Smith, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Bradbury, Mr. Nathaniel Smith, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Isaac Smith, Mr. Galatin, Mr. Patten, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Madison, Mr. Blount, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Andrew Jackson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, stating the amount of their purchases and other proceedings, since their report of the eighteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That all petitions, which, during the last session of Congress, were referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, and not by them reported on, be referred to the present committee on that subject.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Abiel Foster and Mr. Bailey be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as shall be appointed for that purpose, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that an inquiry ought to be made into the state of the Naval equipment, ordered by former acts of Congress: and whether any, and what, other Naval force may be necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States, and the support of their flag.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that so much of the President's speech as relates to the "encouragement of manufactures," ought to be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that so much of the President's speech as relates to the promotion of agriculture, ought to be referred to a select committee.

4. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that an inquiry ought to be made, whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that inquiry ought to be made, whether any, and what, further measures are necessary to reinforce the existing provisions for the discharge of the public debt.

6. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that an inquiry ought to be made into the actual state of the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States, and whether any, and what, further provision is necessary to be made on that subject.

Ordered, That Mr. Parker, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Harper, Mr. Sherburne, and Mr. Sewall, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Swift, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Brent, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Page, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Andrew Jackson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Ordered, That the fifth resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That Mr. William Lyman, Mr. Coles, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Patten, and Mr. Van Cortlandt, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the sixth resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of so much of the speech of the President of the United States, as relates to the establishment of a National University; and that the same be committed to the committee to whom was referred, on the twelfth instant, the memorial of the Commissioners appointed under the act "for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States."

Ordered, That the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States, presented the twenty-fifth of January last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Venable, from the Standing Committee of Elections, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"That it appears, by a letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania, bearing date the first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and a return of the Judges of Elections for the counties of Luzerne and Berks, which compose one entire District, that George Ege has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Daniel Heister, who had resigned.

"That the resignation of the said Daniel Heister appears from his letter, bearing date the twenty-second day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, directed to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

"That it appears, by a certificate of the Governor of the State of Tennessee, under the seal of the said State, and bearing date the twelfth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, that Andrew Jackson has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, for the State of Tennessee.

"That it appears, from a certificate of the Governor of Maryland, signed in Council, and bearing date the second day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, to which is annexed the seal of the said State, that William Craik has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Jeremiah Crabb, who is stated, by the same certificate, to have resigned.

"That it appears, by a certificate of the Governor of Connecticut, under the seal of the said State, and bearing date the tenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, that James Davenport has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of James Hillhouse, who has been appointed a Senator of the United States.

"That it appears, by a certificate of the Governor of the State of Massachusetts, under the seal of the said State, and bearing date the eighth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, that Samuel Sewall has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Benjamin Goodhue, who has been appointed a Senator of the United States.

"That it appears, from a certificate of the Governor of the State of North Carolina, under the seal of the said State, and bearing date the twenty-eighth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, that William Strudwick has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Absalom Tatom, who is stated, by the same certificate, to have resigned.

"Whereupon, your committee are of opinion,

"That George Ege, Andrew Jackson, William Craik, James Davenport, Samuel Sewall, and William Strudwick, are entitled to take their seats in this House."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the several reports and statements from the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the annual expenditures of the War Department, from the commencement of the present Government, to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; to laying and collecting direct taxes among the several States, agreeably to the rule prescribed by the Constitution; and to estimates of the sums ne-

cessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; and receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States, for one year, preceding the first of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, which were laid before the House, at the present session, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Committee of Claims, made the eleventh of January last, as relates to the petition of Jabez Barney, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Committee of Claims, made the fifteenth of January last, as relates to the petition of Reuben Colborn, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the several memorials and petitions of Nathaniel Appleton, Commissioner of Loans for the State of Massachusetts ; of James Ewing, Commissioner of Loans for the State of New Jersey ; of William Skinner, Commissioner of Loans for the State of North Carolina ; of Joshua Green, and others, Clerks in the Loan Office of the State of Massachusetts ; and of Richard Duryec, and others, Clerks in the Loan Office of the State of New York, presented to the House at the last session, be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States.

The Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the House of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; to which the President made the following reply :

Gentlemen : To a citizen whose views were unambitious, who preferred the shade and tranquillity of private life to the splendour and solicitude of elevated stations, and whom the voice of duty and his country could alone have drawn from his chosen retreat, no reward for his public services can be so grateful as public approbation, accompanied by a consciousness, that, to render those services useful to that country, has been his single aim ; and, when this approbation is expressed by the Representative of a free and enlightened Nation, the reward will admit of no addition. Receive, Gentlemen, my sincere and affectionate thanks for this signal testimony, that my services have been acceptable and useful to my Country. The strong confidence of my fellow citizens, while it animated all my actions, ensured their zealous co-operation, which rendered those services successful. The virtue and wisdom of my successors, joined with the patriotism and intelligence of the citizens who compose the other branches of Government, I firmly trust will lead them to the adoption of measures, which, by the beneficence of Providence, will give stability to our system of Government, add to its success, and secure to ourselves and to posterity that liberty which is to all of us so dear.

While I acknowledge, with pleasure, the sincere and uniform disposition of the House of Representatives to preserve our neutral relations inviolate, and with them deeply regret any degree of interruption of our good understanding with the French Republic, I beg you, Gentlemen, to rest assured, that my endeavors will be earnest and unceasing, by all honorable means, to preserve peace, and to restore that harmony and affection which have heretofore so happily subsisted between our two Nations ; and with you, I cherish the pleasing hope, that a mutual spirit of justice and moderation will crown those endeavors with success.

I shall cheerfully concur in the beneficial measures which your deliberations shall mature on the various subjects demanding your attention. And, while directing your labors to advance the real interests of our Country, you receive its blessings ; with perfect sincerity, my individual wishes, will be offered for your present and future felicity.

G. WASHINGTON.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement, exhibiting the amount of drawbacks paid upon the dutiable articles exported from the United States, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, compared with the receipt of duties on similar articles, during the same period, made in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the first of June last ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1796.

Two other members, to wit: from New York, John Hathorn; and from Georgia, John Milledge; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate and return from the Governor of Rhode Island, of the election of Elisha R. Potter, to serve as a member of this House, in the room of Benjamin Bourne, who has resigned his seat; which was read: Whereupon,

The said Elisha R. Potter appeared; and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House.

A petition of Stephen Moylan, Commissioner of Loans for the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the compensations granted by law to the officers of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Gallatin have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Stockton, on their part, of the Committee for Enrolled Bills. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muldenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the penal laws of the United States; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Livingston, Mr. Bradbury, and Mr. Isaac Smith, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1796.

Another member, to wit: Samuel Jordan Cabell, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Gilbert Dench was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of sundry sums of money, which he has been compelled to pay on account of the United States, for the transportation of military stores during the late war.

Also, a petition of James Ore, of the County of Granger, in the State of Tennessee, praying compensation for five horses, the property of the petitioner, which were stolen by a party of Cherokee Indians, subsequent to the treaty of Holston.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into, and report, the expediency or inexpediency of designating certain claims against the United States, to be excepted from the operation of the acts of limitation.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a report of the Director of the Mint, suggesting the expediency of some alterations in its establishment, to render it less expensive to the public, and more accommodating to depositors; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Page, Mr. Havens,

and Mr. Goodrich ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Howe, presented the ninth of April last, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the reports of committees on the petitions of sundry refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Williams, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Patten, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Greenup.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the act for the relief and protection of American seamen, and to report what amendments are necessary to be made thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Livingston, Mr. Swanwick, and Mr. Grove, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States.'"

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1796.

A petition of Jeremiah Cissel, and others, Pilots within the Bay of Chesapeake, was presented to the House and read, praying that such regulations relative to Pilots, may be made by law as will produce greater uniformity than exists under the respective State provisions.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Adam Reider, of the County of Berkely, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of wounds received at the battle of the Cowpens, and at Guilford Court House, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Samuel Freeman, deputy Post Master, at Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Jonas Fauche, in behalf of himself and the officers and soldiers of a troop of militia dragoons, formerly under his command, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the balance of pay and other emoluments, due for their services on an expedition against the Creek and Cherokee Indians, from the twenty-third of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, to the twenty-ninth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, by order of the Governor of Georgia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Charles Fierer and David S. Franks, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Ordered, That the memorial of John Sears, presented the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, be referred to the Committee of Claims, with instruction to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire and re-

port whether any, or what, alterations are necessary in the laws to enforce the payment of moneys due from the various Revenue Officers of the United States.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into, and report their opinion of, the equity and expediency of extending to the representatives of officers and soldiers of the late army of the United States, who died in service, the benefits given by the resolution of Congress, of the sixteenth of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, to the representatives of officers and soldiers slain by the enemy.

Ordered, That Mr. Coit, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Hathorn, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Absalom Baird, Oliver Barnett, Jacob Beltzhuwer, and Daniel Byrne, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of so much of the said report as relates to the petition of Oliver Barnett, be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That Absalom Baird, Jacob Beltzhuwer, and Daniel Byrne, severally have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, respecting the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes, made the fifth of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to report whether any, and, if any, what, further measures ought to be taken relative to the balances which, by the report of Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and individual States, were found due from certain States to the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to whom were referred the reports of committees on the petitions of sundry refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said reports under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of Whole House on the said reports.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Commissioners appointed under the act "for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States;" and to whom was also referred so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, as relates to the establishment of a National University, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Reuben Colborn; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said report be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gilman, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to report such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, made a farther report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1796.

Another member, to wit: Francis Preston, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Fanny Forsyth, widow and administratrix of Robert Forsyth, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed to release to the petitioner and her children the title of the United States to a certain lot of land in the town of Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia, on which a mortgage was executed by the deceased, in his life time, to the late Major General Greene, and since assigned, by the executors of the said Greene, to the Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Rearden was presented to the House and read, praying to be reinstated on the list of pensioners, from which he has been discontinued without cause ; and also, that he may receive the arrears of his pension from the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Gibbons, made the twenty-ninth of April last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Patten have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

Ordered, That the report of the Attorney General relative to the contract entered into between the United States and John Cleves Symmes, made the fifth of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1796.

Another member, to wit : John Wilkes Kittera, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of William Alexander, a Surveyor appointed by Thomas Hutchins, late Geographer of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services in that capacity ; and also, for certain expenses which he incurred in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Also, the several petitions of Thomas Livezey, in behalf of Paul and Livezey, of George Lucas, of Philip Tabor, and of Joshua Whitney, by Timothy Winn, his agent, respectively praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and losses or injuries sustained in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of John Juhel, of the city of New York, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of goods, the property of the petitioner, which he imported in the barque Amiciza, from Naples, and was consumed by a late fire in the said city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Amos Ailes and others, inhabitants of Redstone Settlement, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that the grants heretofore obtained by the petitioners, for certain lands at Post St. Vincents, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, may be confirmed to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Griswold, Mr. Reed, Mr. Cooper, Mr. George Jackson, and Mr. Milledge ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Joseph Nourse, Register of the Treasury of the United States, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with the petition of Lawrence Muse, Collector for the district of Tappahannock, presented the first of March last, be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing his report on the petition of Hugh Lawson White ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for granting an additional allowance to the Clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of George Crookshank, of Joseph Hull, of John Learned, of Joseph M'Cracken, and of John Minor, made reports ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said George Crookshank, Joseph Hull, John Learned, Joseph M'Cracken, and John Minor, cannot be granted, and that the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Parsons, by Stephen Parsons, his attorney, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Harris, made a report, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom it was referred to report whether any, and, if any, what, measures ought to be taken relative to the balances found by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States, to be due from certain States to the United States, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of John Sears, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Sears ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ----- ought to be granted towards the relief of the sufferers by the late fires at Savannah, in the State of Georgia.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the report of the committee on the memorial of Nicholas J. Roosevelt and Jacob Mark, in behalf of themselves and their associates, which was made the twelfth of February last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill providing for the more effectual collection of certain internal revenues of the United States, presented the twentieth of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial and representation of the Commissioners appointed under the act "for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States ;" also, so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress as relates to the establishment of a National University ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That Mr. Heath have leave to be absent from the service of this House for twenty days.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1796.

Another member, to wit : Dempsey Burges, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for granting an additional allowance to the Clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States.

A memorial of John Cleves Symmes was presented to the House and read, praying a fulfilment, on the part of the Government of the United States, of a contract entered into with the memorialist for certain lands in the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Attorney General relative to the contract entered into between the United States and John Cleves Symmes.

A memorial of Joseph Ball and others, holders of bills of credit emitted in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was presented to the House and read, praying that such provision may be made for the payment of the amount of the principal and interest due on the said bills of credit, as the nature of the public engagement and substantial justice will suggest.

Also, a petition of Jane Adams, praying that she may receive the amount of a prize of five hundred dollars, drawn by a ticket in the second class of the United States Lottery, during the late war; the certificate of which was lost or mislaid by the petitioner some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

Also, the petitions of Robert Horner and John Porter, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or supplies furnished the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of Charles White, of James Stuart, and James Barr, of David Scudder, of Eleazer Scudder, of Aaron Sheffield, of Samuel Legaré, James Theus, and Samuel Prioleau, and of Samuel Berrien and others, owners or masters of coasting vessels within the State of New York, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of such parts of the said report as relate to the petitions of Aaron Sheffield and of Samuel Legaré, James Theus, and Samuel Prioleau, be postponed until Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of Charles White, James Stuart, and James Barr, David Scudder, Eleazer Scudder, and Samuel Berrien and others, cannot be granted.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Curtice, of Gilbert Dean, of Richard Keys, of James M'Callmont, of Thomas Miller, and of Joseph Shorb, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Thomas Curtice, Gilbert Dean, Richard Keys, James M'Callmont, Thomas Miller, and Joseph Shorb, cannot be granted, and that the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial and representation of the Commissioners appointed under the act "for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States;" also, so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, as relates to the establishment of a National University; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until the second Monday in January next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of John Sears; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Parsons, by Stephen Parsons, his attorney, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1796.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Sears was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Sears."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William Imlay, Commissioner of Loans for the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Also, a memorial of Alexander Furnival, Postmaster at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed, by law, to the officers of the United States.

A petition of James Corrie and Samuel Briscoe, of the State of Maryland, in behalf of themselves, and Sidney George, of the said State, in behalf of Joshua Louttit, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims for services as clerks to Donaldson Yeates, Deputy Quartermaster for the States of Delaware and Maryland, during the late war.

Also, a memorial of Anna Welsh, of New London, in the State of Connecticut, widow of John Welsh, formerly a captain of marines, in the service of the United States, praying relief, in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed in the expedition against Penobscot, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial, together with the petition of Moses White, presented the eleventh of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the twenty-sixth instant, "for an allowance to the sufferers by the late fires at Savannah, in Georgia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said motion, at the Clerk's table, and, the same being read, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the sum of ——— ought to be granted towards the relief of the sufferers by the late fires at Savannah, in Georgia:"

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the whole House in their disagreement to the said motion :

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 55,
 { Nays 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

* Theodorus Bailey,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Richard Brent,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
Abiel Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,

Chauncey Goodrich,
Christopher Greenup,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Edward Livingston,
Samuel Lyman,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,

John Nicholas,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,

John Swanwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
Richard Thomas,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Demsey Burges,
Thomas Claiborne,
William Craik,
George Ege,
Dwight Foster,
Henry Glen,
Andrew Gregg,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,
Francis Malbone,

John Milledge,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
John Page,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Jeremiah Smith,
Isaac Smith; and
William Smith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1796.

Another member, to wit : George Hancock, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Frederick Hebner, son of George Hebner, of Montgomery county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of gunpowder, furnished for the use of the American Army, during the late war.

Also, a petition of David Allshouse, of the county of Northampton, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying an augmentation of the pension allowed him by law ; as, also, the arrears of pension due to him, in consideration of his services as a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Gassaway Watkins, of Anne Arundel county, in the State of Maryland, praying the renewal of a military warrant, for three hundred acres of land due for his services, as a captain in the American Army during the late war ; which warrant was delivered to the order of the petitioner, and afterwards casually lost.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five ; which was read, and, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of George Calmese, of George Campbell, of Henry Roberts, and of James Rowland, executor of William Rowland, deceased, made reports ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said George Calmese, George Campbell, Henry Roberts, and James Rowland, cannot be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report and sundry statements, marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, exhibiting a view of the debts of the United States, on the first day of January, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the first of June last ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Coppinger, in behalf of Monsieur Reliquet, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Francis Coppinger cannot be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the reports of the committees to whom were referred the petitions of sundry refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said reports under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read, and agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, Joseph Green and others, from Canada, praying a bounty in lands, and other pay, for services rendered in the late war with Great Britain, ought not to be granted.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for donations of land to the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, pursuant to the resolves of Congress, of the twenty-third of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and the thirteenth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the last resolution, and that Mr. Gilman, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Greenup, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the fifth of May last, relative to the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report.

On a motion made and seconded that the said report be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Venable, from the standing Committee of Elections, made a further report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read as followeth :

“ That it appears, by a certificate of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and under the seal of the said State, that Elisha R. Potter has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Benjamin Bourne, whose seat had become vacant :

“ Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the said Elisha R. Potter is entitled to take his seat in this House.”

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of War, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh Lawson White ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the copy of a letter from the commissioners appointed under the act “ for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States ;” with sundry documents, marked A, B, C, D, E, F, exhibiting a view of the receipts and expenditures of all moneys entrusted to them ; and also, of the progress and state of the business ; and of the funds under their administration, from the seventeenth of May, to the eighteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copies of the proceedings of the accounting officers of the Treasury, upon certain claims which have not been admitted to be valid, laid before the House the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

Another member, to wit : Alexander D. Orr, from Kentucky, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Jeremiah Allen and others, holders of the bills of credit emitted in pursuance of a resolution of Congress, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was presented to the House and read, praying that provision may be made by law for the payment of the principal and interest due on the said bills of credit.

Also, a petition of George Colbert, one of the chiefs and warriors of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, praying compensation for supplies furnished by the petitioner, to a detachment of volunteers, under the command of Colonel Mansker, on an expedition against the Creek Indians, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Lewis H. Guerlain, of the city of New York, merchant, in behalf of Messieurs Bethman and Sons, of the city of Bourdeaux, in France, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties on a quantity of claret wine, imported in the ship Stadt Altona, and intended for exportation to the West Indies, which was consumed, together with the store-house in which it was deposited, by a late fire in the city of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Andrew Ramsay and of Nathan Smith, made reports; which were read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Andrew Ramsay and Nathan Smith cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of War, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh Lawson White; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that the said report be re-committed to Mr. Andrew Jackson, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Blount, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Harper.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the compensation allowed by law to the officers concerned in the collection of the revenue; and that the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the compensation, allowed by law to the officers of the United States, be discharged from so much of the subject referred to them as may relate to the officers of the revenue.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the twenty-sixth instant, relative to the balances found by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and individual States, to be due from certain States to the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1797.

A petition of Philip Stimmel, of the city of Philadelphia, snuff manufacturer, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the duties on a quantity of snuff, manufactured by the petitioner, which was lost and damaged by the injury done to the dam of his snuff mill, on Ridley creek, some time in the month of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Hughes, of the city of New York, auctioneer, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of a quantity of salmon, which was

destroyed by a late fire in the said city of New York ; the duties thereon having been previously secured to be paid by the petitioner, in due form of law.

Also, a petition of William Pinchin, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that he may receive a balance due for his services as a measurer at the port of Philadelphia, which, he conceives, has been unjustly detained from him by the Collector of the said port.

Also, a petition of William Ustick, junior, of the city of New York, merchant, praying the remission of the duties on a quantity of claret wine, imported by the petitioner, in the schooner *Industry*, from Halifax, in Nova Scotia, which was consumed by a late fire, in the said city of New York ; and that credit may be allowed on the bonds executed for payment of the said duties.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of Michael Levadoux and others, of Francis Mentges, of William Story, and of Sarah Thompson, made reports ; which were severally read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Michael Levadoux and others, Francis Mentges, William Story, and Sarah Thomson, cannot be granted.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Committee of Elections, to resume the consideration of such unfinished business, respecting elections, as was depending before the last session, and to report thereon to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House information what measures have been taken for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and the Dey and Regency of Algiers ; and, also, whether any, and what, further legislative aid may be necessary for that purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. Parker and Mr. Grove be appointed a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the motion of the twenty-ninth ultimo, for a re-commitment of the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, relative to the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, with instruction to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report, if any, and what, alterations are necessary in the act, entitled " An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from their masters."

Ordered, That Mr. Murray, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Kittera, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, relative to the balances found by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States, to be due from certain States to the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1797.

Another member, to wit : Samuel Smith, from Maryland, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate and return from the Governor of Connecticut, of the election of Samuel Whittlesey Dana, to serve as a member of this House for the said State, in the room of Uriah Tracey, appointed a Senator of the United States ; which was read : Whereupon,

The said Samuel Whittlesey Dana appeared ; and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House.

A petition of John Stadler was presented to the House and read, praying that a grant of two thousand acres of land, which he obtained previous to the American Revolution, by virtue of a proclamation of the King of Great Britain, in the year one thousand seven

hundred and sixty-three, may be confirmed to him in the unappropriated lands of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio.

Also, the petitions of William Brown and of William M'Cay, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of James Betts, of William Caldwell, of John Day, and of John London, and Elizabeth London, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said James Betts, William Caldwell, John Day, and John London, and Elizabeth London, cannot be granted.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the petitions of John Juhel, of Lewis H. Guerlain, in behalf of Messrs. Bathman and sons, and of Jeremiah Cissel, for himself and others, pilots within the Bay of Chesapeake, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said John Juhel and Lewis H. Guerlain, cannot be granted.

Resolved, That a law ought to be passed, authorizing the Boards of Commissioners of pilotage, in the States of Virginia and Maryland, to grant licences to such persons of either State, as may be qualified to pilot vessels to any part of the bay or rivers of the Chesapeake, under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by the Stat from which their licences are issued.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the last resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed to inquire into, and report their opinion of, the equity and expediency of extending to the representatives of officers and soldiers of the late Army of the United States, who died in service, the benefits given by the resolution of Congress, of the sixteenth of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, to the representatives of officers and soldiers slain by the enemy, made a report, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That, by the said resolution, in addition to the pay and bounty in money and clothing allowed to officers and soldiers who should engage in the Army, and serve during the late war, certain quantities of land were promised to those who should so engage and serve, and to the representatives of those who should be *slain* by the enemy; and that, by a resolution of Congress of the eighteenth day of the same month of September, the same encouragement was extended to those who had, before the said resolution of the eighteenth, engaged to serve during the war, as was given to those who should engage thereafter.—For a variety of reasons, which your committee suppose it of no consequence for them to detail to the House, they can well conceive, that it might have been a question of expediency, at the time of passing the said resolutions, whether the benefits secured to the representatives of those who were *slain* by the enemy, should not have been extended to those who died in service; but those reasons appear to have no application to the present question; and it is now more than twenty years since the said resolution of the sixteenth of September, was passed, and more than thirteen since the close of the period of service to which it applied. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that there are no considerations, either of equity or expediency, which would justify or require the extension contemplated in the reference."

Mr. Griswold, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Amos Ailes and others, inhabitants of Redstone settlement, in the State of Pennsylvania, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until the first Monday in February next.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of Aaron Sheffield: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That John Moore, executor of John Oakley, who presented a petition to this House on the thirteenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were

referred the petitions of William Ustick, junior, and of John Hughes, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said William Ustick, junior, and John Hughes, cannot be granted.

Mr. Swanwick, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Bartholomew Sarazin, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Bartholomew Sarazin cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, relative to the balances found by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States, to be due from certain States to the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the subject of further revenues, and the provisions requisite for improving, and more effectually securing, the internal revenues, made reports thereon ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and present to him the resolution agreed to by this House, yesterday, relative to information of measures for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and the Dey and Regency of Algiers, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service ; and that the President informed the committee that, before he had heard of the resolution, he had directed the necessary papers to be made out, and as soon as they were ready, they should be laid before the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the existing law, respecting the entry of goods, for the relief of importers of goods into the ports of North Carolina, lying upon the waters of Pamlico sound, and the better securing the duties payable thereon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1797.

Another member, to wit : Daniel Buck, from Vermont, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Philip Audebert was presented to the House and read, praying an extra allowance for his services as a Clerk in the War Department, during the continuance of the epidemic fever at Philadelphia, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with the petitions of Richard Blackledge, presented the nineteenth of January and thirty-first of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and of Lucy Clark, presented the twenty-second of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and the reports thereon, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of sundry Inspectors of the Customs for the District of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Also, a petition of sundry inspectors of the customs for the port of Baltimore, to the same effect.

Also, a petition of John Robinson, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, in behalf of himself and Rowland Hazard, and Peter Ayault, late owners of the ship William, of Charleston, and James R. Dockray, late master of the said ship, praying the remission of a penalty incurred by the said James R. Dockray for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of William Patton, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved from a prosecution commenced against the petitioner for selling wine or spirituous liquors by retail, without licence.

The House proceeded to consider the said petition : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of William Patton be rejected.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Gilbert Dench, of George Marker and Elizabeth his wife, and of Samuel Wilkinson, made reports ; which were severally read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the report on the petition of Gilbert Dench be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of George Marker and Elizabeth his wife, and of Samuel Wilkinson cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, relative to the balances found by commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States, to be due from certain States to the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said report and resolutions do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1797.

Ordered, That Mr. Dent be excused from serving on the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, at his own request, and that Mr. Samuel Smith be appointed of the said committee in his room.

A petition of the widow of the late Scolacuttaw, or Hanging Maw, one of the chiefs of the Cherokee nation of Indians, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of losses and injuries sustained in her person and property, by a party of armed men under the command of Captain John Beard, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of John White, late an inspector at the port of Philadelphia, presented the twenty-third of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Lachlin McIntosh, attorney in fact for the executors of John Lawson, deceased, and of Samuel Stow, made reports ; which were read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Lachlin McIntosh and Samuel Stow, cannot be granted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further rules are necessary to be adopted by this House and added to the standing rules of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Henderson, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, relative to the balances found by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and individual States, to be due from certain States to the United States : Whereupon,

The first resolution being read and amended at the Clerk's table, to read as followeth :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to give information to the several States who were, by the Commissioners appointed to settle accounts between the United States and the individual States, found indebted to the United States, of the several sums in which they were so found indebted, accompanying such information with a statement of interest from the last day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, calculated on the same principles on which interest has been allowed, and either funded or paid on the correspondent sums for which the United States were found, by the said Commissioners, indebted to certain States ; and with an earnest request that they will cause provision to be made, as speedily as may be,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said first resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas,.....57,
 { Nays,.....27.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Francis Malbone,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker
Elisha R. Potter,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Samuel Sewall,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
John Swanwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Peleg Wadsworth.

Fisher Ames.
Theodorus Bailey,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Demsey Burges,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Jesse Franklin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
William B. Grove,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens;

William Hindman,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
Edward Livingston,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman, }
Nathaniel Macon,
William Vans Murray,
John Page,
William Strudwick,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortland, and
John Williams.

“*Resolved*, That payment of the said sums, respectively found due from the said States, by the said Commissioners, with interest thereon at four per centum per annum, from the last day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, may be received in any of the six, three per cent. stock, or deferred stock of the United States, in the same proportion as the United States have paid and allowed for the correspondent sums in which they were found indebted to certain States by the report of the said Commissioners.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolutions to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

“ Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all transfers of the debt of the United States, on the books of the Treasury, by any of the States found indebted to the United States on the settlement of accounts between the United States and the several States, or by any person holding the evidences of the said debt, for the benefit of the said debtor States, to the amount of their respective balances, be, and the same are hereby, suspended, until the further order of Congress :”

The previous question was called for by five members, to wit : “ Shall the main question to agree to the said motion, be now put ?”

And on the previous question, to wit : “ Shall the said main question be now put ?”

It passed in the negative, { Yeas, 23,
 { Nays, 62.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Demsey Burges,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Henry Dearborn,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
George Hancock,
Thomas Hartley,

Jonathan N. Havens,
Thomas Henderson,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Andrew Moore,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Richards,
John Swanwick,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Abraham Venable.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Christopher Greenup,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
William Hindman,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Edward Livingston,

Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
John Milledge,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Anthony New,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Elisha R. Potter,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
John S. Sherburne,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments may be necessary to the act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Parker, Mr. Van Cortlandt, and Mr. Dearborn, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the Attorney General, relative to the contract entered into between the United States and John Cleves Symmes, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said report, together with the accompanying documents, be re-committed to Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Venable, Mr. Havens, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Sherburne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Monsieur Poirey, formerly Secretary Aid-de-camp to the Marquis de Lafayette, made the fifth of February last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Carr, made the twenty-seventh of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio and above the mouth of Kentucky river;" and, also, whether any, and, if any, what, alterations may be necessary in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Nathaniel Smith, Mr. Bard, Mr. Andrew Jackson, and Mr. Strudwick, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the twelfth of February last, to whom was referred the memorial of Nicholas J. Roosevelt and Jacob Mark, in behalf of themselves and their associates; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table, and the same being read, in the words following, to wit:

"That the said memorialists, having procured from the mining countries in Europe a number of men well skilled in the arts of mineralogy and metallurgy, have them now in the United States, either connected with, or employed by them.

"That, by their means, they offer to explore the territory of the United States for mines of metals, semi-metals, and all other minerals: provided a reasonable time be allowed them to make the search, and the right of working the mines, when discovered, be exclusively vested in them for a sufficient period; they rendering a proper proportion of the gross product to the United States.

"The committee are of opinion that their offers merit the attention and encouragement of Congress—the general use of all metals and of most minerals rendering it a very desirable object to possess them within our own limits. Appearances, too, as your committee are informed, justify the opinion that many valuable mines do exist within the territory of the United States, which can only be rendered useful by that skill and knowledge of the subject which the peculiar circumstances of Europe enable the memorialists to offer.

"Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That a right be granted to Nicholas Roosevelt and Jacob Mark, and their associates, during the term of ——— years, to enter upon any of the waste lands in the territory of the United States, the Indian title whereof is extinguished, to search and explore the same for mines of metals, semi-metals, and all other minerals.

"*Resolved*, That the right of working all such mines as shall be discovered by the said Nicholas Roosevelt, and Jacob Mark, and their associates, shall be vested in them for the term of ——— years; they rendering an equitable proportion of the gross product of such mines to the United States."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1797.

Another member, to wit: William Findley, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Richard R. Saltonstall, of New London, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying to be indemnified for certain losses and expenses which he has incurred in attempting to establish a manufactory of sumac, within the United States; and that Congress will extend the patent which he has obtained for that purpose, the better to protect him against interfering pretenders to the same invention, or grant him other relief.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of John Porter, and of John Roff, made reports; which were read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said John Porter and John Roff cannot be granted.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Amy Dardin, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the fourteenth of May last, to whom were referred a letter and report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the memorial of sundry merchants of the City of Philadelphia, be re-committed to the same committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, copies of the proceedings of the accounting officers of the Treasury, on certain claims not admitted to be valid; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the said report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the next, and every succeeding Congress, within ten days after the commencement of each session, respectively, such a statement of the internal revenues, as will ascertain, with precision, the nett product thereof, and the expense of collection; and, also, a list of all the officers employed in that service, and the compensations allowed to each of them.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims of the twenty-sixth ultimo, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Harris; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table; and the same being read in the words following, to wit:

"That the said Robert Harris was a Captain in the continental service in the time of the last war: that he left service when bills of public credit were the only medium in circulation: that his pay was delivered to the Paymaster of his regiment: that not having been received by the memorialist, the money was returned to the Paymaster General in January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, who established the rule, in such cases, of paying the value of the money, so returned, reduced by the scale of depreciation at the time when returned to him, by the Paymaster.

"Captain Harris has ever had it in his power to receive his specie for that paper money, calculated by that rule. He claims the worth of his paper, when it became due.

"As very many, indeed nearly all the officers and privates, under similar circumstances, have received their wages, by the rule established as aforesaid; and as Captain Harris shews no reason why he did not receive his money from the Paymaster, the committee think it would be inexpedient to establish a new rule at this time; and are therefore of opinion, his memorial ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw the same."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said report:

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Committee of Claims, made the sixth of May last, as relates to the memorial of Samuel G. Fowler, and Christopher Fowler, administrators of Samuel Fowler, deceased, be re-committed to the same committee:

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1797.

A petition of Sebastian Bauman, Postmaster at the City of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire if any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States."

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Wright, presented the seventeenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorial of William Alexander, and the petition of John Conrad Latour, made reports ; which were read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the report on the memorial of William Alexander be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John Conrad Latour cannot be granted.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alteration ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the twentieth ultimo, the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States, reported an amendatory bill, to amend and repeal in part, an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United States ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the better regulation of pilots within the bay and rivers of the Chesapeake ; which was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the third clause of the first section of the second article of the Constitution of the United States ought to be amended, in such manner as that the electors of a President and Vice President be obliged, in giving their votes, to designate the person for whom they vote as President, and the person for whom they vote as Vice President ; and that the said amendment be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, to be ratified as part of the Constitution of the United States :"

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Swanwick from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of Richard R. Saltonstall, of Jacob Broom, of Robert Dawson, of William Crowley Jordan, of the proprietors of the glass manufactory of Boston, and of sundry manufacturers of hats in the States of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, made reports ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of Richard R. Saltonstall, of Jacob Broom, of Robert Dawson, of William Crowley Jordan, of the proprietors of the glass manufactory of Boston, and of sundry manufacturers of hats in the State of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of War, of the fifth of February last, to whom was referred the petition of Monsieur Poirey, formerly Secretary Aid-de-camp to the Marquis De Lafayette; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table; where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, for settling the claim of Monsieur Poirey, against the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Swanwick, and Mr. Murray, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, relative to the provisions requisite for improving and more effectually securing the collection of the internal revenues; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it will be expedient to abolish the tax laid on spirits distilled from materials of the growth or produce of the United States, at any other place than a city, town, or village, or at any distillery in a city, town, or village, at which there shall be one or more stills, which singly, if only one, or together, if more than one, shall be of less capacity than four hundred gallons; and to collect this branch of the revenue from a tax on the capacity of the stills.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1797.

Another member, to wit: Wade Hampton, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Ordered, That John Michael, who presented a petition to this House on the fourth of April last, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of George Lucas, and of John Wood, made reports, which were read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said George Lucas and John Wood cannot be granted.

Mr. Thatcher, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of laying a tax upon all theatrical exhibitions; and, also, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, articles of foreign growth or manufacture imported into the United States, or articles manufactured or used within the United States, will allow of an additional duty to be laid upon them; and to report thereon.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-ninth of April last, to whom was referred the petition of John Gibbons; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill

making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as Secretary and Aid-de-camp to Major General La Fayette ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1797.

Another member, to wit : Richard Winn, from South Carolina, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Robert Scot, engraver of the Mint, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States.

A petition of Andrew M'Farlan, of Schenectady, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that an allowance of drawback may be granted on the exportation of rum distilled within the United States, to the Province of Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Jean Baptist Dumon, and of Michael Hillegas, made reports ; which were read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Jean Baptist Dumon and Michael Hillegas cannot be granted.

Mr. Swift, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress as relates to the promotion of agriculture, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act repealing the limitation to the act, 'in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,' and to continue in force the same," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Dench ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table, and the same being read in the words following, to wit :

"That it appears by the statement of the petitioner, and is proved by the documents which accompany his petition, that, in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, he contracted with Jabez Hatch, then Deputy Quartermaster General, to transport clothing, &c. for the United States, and in one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, he made another contract with the same officer to transport military stores for the United States—which two contracts were both faithfully performed by him. The first contract was made for certificates, and paid according to the terms of it ; the second contract, to the amount of more than twenty-thousand dollars, was made for specie ; and when it became due to the petitioner, the said Hatch had not cash to fulfil the contract on the part of the United States. Application was made to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a loan obtained in certificates or orders, in anticipation of the Continental taxes then in collection. Having obtained these orders or certificates, the said Jabez Hatch paid the same to the petitioner in satisfaction of the contract, and he gave a receipt in full, as having received specie nominally. This loan was soon after reimbursed

in the Treasury of Massachusetts by an order from the Superintendent of Finance for the United States.

The committee find that those certificates, issued in anticipation of the taxes, like other public paper at that time, passed at a discount, and that the petitioner suffered by their depreciation. They are, however, of opinion that, at this time, to undertake to redress the injuries sustained by individuals in the depreciation of public paper during the late war, would be productive of greater evils than any possible advantages resulting from the attempt could compensate.

The petitioner has heretofore brought this subject under the view of Congress, who, after a full investigation, resolved that the prayer of his petition ought not to be granted. Though the committee are sorry for the misfortunes of Mr. Dench, they cannot find sufficient reasons to justify an opinion that the House should now make a different decision; and therefore report that he have leave to withdraw his petition."

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as Secretary and Aid-de-Camp to Major General Lafayette; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1797.

An engrossed bill making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as Secretary and Aid-de-Camp to Major General Lafayette, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as Secretary and Aid-de-Camp to Major General Lafayette."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Stephenson, of West Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of the White Plains, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of Mehitabel Baker, late widow of Obadiah Newton, deceased, praying relief in consideration of services rendered and injuries sustained, by the deceased, as a soldier in Colonel Nixon's regiment of the Continental Army, during the late war.

Also, a memorial of Arnold Martin, of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, and Sarah, his wife, late widow of James Mugford, deceased, praying that they may receive the bounty of four hundred dollars, and the prize-money due to the deceased, who was killed whilst Commander of the schooner Franklin, in the Navy of the United States, during the late war, to which the memorialists conceive themselves entitled by a resolution of Congress of the twenty eighth of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Fanny Forsyth, widow and relict of Robert Forsyth, deceased, and of James Ore, made reports; which were read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the report on the petition of James Ore be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Fanny Forsyth cannot be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned," and to report by bill or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-ninth of

April last, to whom was referred the petition of John Gibbons ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Gilman, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a farther report ; which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-sixth of May last, on the petition of Oliver Pollock, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the subject of further revenues ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1797.

A memorial of the Illinois and Wabash Land Company, signed by order and in behalf of the said company, by James Wilson, their President, was presented to the House and read, praying a re-consideration of their memorial, presented the thirteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one ; and that such method may be adopted for the speedy decision of their claims against the United States, as Congress, in their wisdom, may deem proper.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Baldwin ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General, accompanying his report on the petition of Fanny Forsyth, widow and administratrix of Robert Forsyth, deceased ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of James Corrie and Samuel Briscoe, in behalf of themselves and Sidney George, in behalf of Joshua Louittit, deceased, made a report ; which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of the said James Corrie, Samuel Briscoe, and Sidney George, cannot be granted.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were recommitted, on the fourteenth ultimo, the petition of Henry Hill, and several reports thereon, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the duty now paid on salt imported, be increased to — cents per bushel.

Resolved, That the duties on that class of goods, wares, and merchandises imported, which now pays ten per cent. ad valorem, be augmented to — per cent. ad valorem.

Resolved, That the duties on that class of goods, wares, and merchandises imported, which pays twelve and a half per cent. ad valorem, be augmented to — per centum, ad valorem.

Resolved, That the duties on that class of goods, wares, and merchandises imported, which pays a duty of fifteen per cent. ad valorem, be augmented to — per centum, ad valorem.

Resolved, That the duties now paid on Madeira wines imported, be augmented to — per cent. on the duty now paid.

Resolved, That the duty now paid on Sherry and Lisbon wines imported, and also on the unenumerated wines, be augmented — per centum on the present duty.

Resolved, That the duties now in force on foreign spirits, not distilled from grain, be augmented — per centum on the present amount.

Resolved, That the duty now paid on bohea tea, be augmented — per centum on the present amount.

Resolved, That the duty now paid on brown sugar imported, be augmented — on each pound.

Resolved, That the sum of — be raised by a duty on stamps.

Resolved, That the sum of — be raised by a tax on windows, according to the rule of apportionment among the States.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the subject of further revenues.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the subject of further revenues; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments may be necessary in the act "to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1797.

A memorial of Henry P. Dering, Collector for the District and Port of Sagg Harbor, and Inspector of the Revenue for the said port, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of William Matthews was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance of pay due for his services as a Clerk to the Commissary of Purchases for the State of Georgia; also, as Commissary of Musters for the Georgia line, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Jeremiah Libbey, Postmaster at Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States."

Ordered, That the petition of James Garnett, legatee and executor of James Mercer, deceased, presented the eighth of February last, be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth instant to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky River;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Hebner, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Frederick Hebner be rejected.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew Dunscomb, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Muhlenberg, from the committee appointed on the fifth instant to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further rules are necessary to be adopted by this House, and added to the standing rules of the House, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire

whether it is expedient, for the better security of the navigation, to place a number of buoys within, and near the harbor of Boston, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the subject of further revenues; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the sixteenth ultimo, a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Malbone be excused from serving on the Committee of Ways and Means, at his own request; and that Mr. Potter be appointed of the said committee, in his room.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1797.

A memorial of Samuel Green, Postmaster at Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States."

A petition of Griffin Griffith was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pension heretofore allowed him in consideration of wounds received at the battle of Guilford, whilst a soldier in the sixth regiment of the Virginia line on continental establishment, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of the late Scolacuttaw, or Hanging Maw, one of the Chiefs of the Cherokee nation of Indians, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of James Ore.

Mr. Andrew Jackson, from the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Hugh Lawson White, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1797.

A petition of Andrew Finley, and others, citizens of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for property furnished to, and destroyed by, the militia called out to suppress the late insurrection in the Western counties of the said State.

Also, the memorial and petition of Catharine Metcalfe, widow of Simon Metcalfe, deceased, and of Sarah Fenton, widow of Joseph Fenton, deceased, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, by the deceased, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Winthrop Saltonstall, of New London, in the State of Connecticut, praying relief, in the case of a certain sum in the bills of credit emitted by the late Congress, which was consumed, together with other property of the petitioner, by a fire in the said town of New London, some time in the month of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

Also, a petition of Philip Bush, of the borough of Winchester, in the State of Virginia, praying relief, in the case of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which has been casually lost.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of Walter Cruise, of Elisha Frizell, of Edward Goddard, of Ebenezer Kent, of John Lochman, of Henry Meyer, of John Nixon, and of Caleb Worley, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Walter Cruise, Elisha Frizell, Edward Goddard, Ebenezer Kent, John Lochman, Henry Meyer, John Nixon, and Caleb Worley, cannot be granted; and that the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Michael Jackson, by Simon Jackson, his Attorney, made the fifth of April last, be referred to the Committee of Claims, with instruction to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was re-committed their report of the fifth of May last, relative to the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes, and to whom were also referred the petitions of William Pinchin, and of Andrew McFarlan, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That so much thereof as relates to the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The other parts of the said report, which relate to the petitions of William Pinchin and of Andrew McFarlan, being again read,

Resolved, That William Pinchin have leave to withdraw his petition.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Andrew McFarlan cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the subject of further revenues; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1797.

A petition of Jeremiah Nichols, Collector of the port of Chestertown, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with two estimates of the Secretary of War, of the sums required to be appropriated for the use of the Naval Department, and the fortifications erecting for the defence of the ports and harbors of the United States; which were read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That so much of the said report and estimates as relates to the Naval Department, be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the state of the naval equipment.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said report and estimate as relate to the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the actual state of the said fortifications.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of William Clark, of Peter Lee, of Cutlip Nestler, and of John Stephenson, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General, accompanying his report respecting the title to the land situate in the Southwestern parts of the United States, claimed by certain companies under a law of the State of Georgia, passed the seventh of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, made in pursuance of a resolution of both Houses of Congress, of the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Venable, from the Standing Committee of Elections, made a farther report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth :

“ That it appears, by a certificate of the Governor of Connecticut, under the seal of the said State, and bearing date the eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, that Samuel Whittlesey Dana has been elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Uriah Tracey, who hath been appointed a Senator of the United States. Your committee are therefore of opinion that Samuel Whittlesey Dana is entitled to take a seat in this House.

“ The committee have proceeded to examine the petitions and memorials of sundry inhabitants and electors of the second middle district, in the State of Massachusetts, (which was the unfinished business of the last session) complaining of an undue election and return of Joseph Bradley Varnum to serve as a member of this House, for the said State, together with the documents accompanying the memorials, and the evidence adduced by the sitting member : Whereupon, they report,

“ That none of the petitioners, or their agents, have appeared at the present session, to prosecute ; nor have they transmitted any evidence to support their allegations.

“ That the sitting member has produced evidence to show that the election in the town of Dracut, where the irregularities were suggested to have been committed, was conducted with the utmost fairness and propriety, especially as it relates to his conduct. That, although some little irregularity was practised, it was in other towns, in favor of another candidate, and chiefly by those persons who have since been the active agents of the petitioners.

“ Your committee are, therefore, of opinion, that Joseph Bradley Varnum was duly elected ; and that the attempt to deprive him of his seat was rather the effect of malevolence than a desire to promote the public good.”

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

At the opening of the present session of Congress I mentioned that some circumstances of an unwelcome nature had lately occurred in relation to France ; that our trade had suffered, and was suffering extensive injuries in the West Indies, from the cruisers and agents of the French Republic ; and that communications had been received from its Minister here, which indicated danger of a further disturbance of our commerce by its authority, and that were in other respects far from agreeable ; but that I reserved for a special message a more particular communication on this interesting subject. This communication I now make.

The complaints of the French Minister embraced most of the transactions of our Government, in relation to France, from an early period of the present war ; which, therefore, it was necessary carefully to review. A collection has been formed of letters and papers relating to those transactions, which I now lay before you, with a letter to Mr. Pinckney, our Minister at Paris, containing an examination of the notes of the French Minister, and such information as I thought might be useful to Mr. Pinckney in any farther representations he might find necessary to be made to the French Government. The immediate object of his mission was, to make to that Government such explanations of the principles and conduct of our own, as, by manifesting our good faith, might remove all jealousy and discontent, and maintain that harmony and good understanding with the French Republic which it has been my constant solicitude to preserve. A Government which required only a knowledge of the *truth* to justify its measures, could not but be anxious to have this fully and frankly displayed.

G. WASHINGTON.

United States, January 19, 1797.

The said message was read, and, together with the papers referred to therein, ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the subject of further reve-

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

William Findley,
Albert Gallatin,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Christopher Greenup,
William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,

Jonathan N. Havens,
 William Hindman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Edward Livingston,
 James Madison,
 John Milledge,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,

John Patten,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Isaac Smith,
 William Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, junior,
 John Swanwick,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Theophilus Bradbury,
 Nathan Bryan,
 Dempsey Burges,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 James Davenport,
 Henry Dearborn,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
 James Gillespie,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Henderson,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,

Matthew Locke,
 Samuel Lyman,
 William Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Francis Malbone,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 William Strudwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thomson,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 Richard Winn.

On the question, that the House do agree to the last part of the said resolution, in the words following, to wit:

“A tax on slaves, with certain exceptions,”

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas, 68,
 { Nays, 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Thomas Blount,
 Theophilus Bradbury,
 Richard Brent,
 Daniel Buck,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Isaac Coles,
 William Cooper,
 William Craik,
 James Davenport,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 William Findley,
 Abiel Foster,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Albert Gallatin,
 James Gillespie,
 Nicholas Gilman,

Henry Glen,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William B. Grove,
 Wade Hampton,
 George Hancock,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 Thomas Hartley,
 John Hathorn,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 William Hindman,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Matthew Locke,
 Samuel Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 John Milledge,

Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,

Israel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, junior,
 William Strudwick,
 John Swanwick,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Williams, and
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathan Bryan,
 Dempsey Burges,
 Joshua Coit,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Henry Dearborn,
 Dwight Foster,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Thomas Henderson,
 George Jackson,
 William Lyman,

Francis Malbone,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thomson, and,
 Joseph B. Varnum.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said resolution, as reported by the Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 49,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas Blount,
 Richard Brent,
 Daniel Buck,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Joshua Coit,
 Isaac Coles,
 William Craik,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 William Findley,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William Barry Grove,
 George Hancock,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 Thomas Hartley,
 John Hathorn,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 William Hindman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,

James Madison,
 John Milledge,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Isaac Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 John Swanwick,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Theophilus Bradbury,

Nathan Bryan,
 Dempsey Burges,
 Gabriel Christie,

Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
James Gillespie,
Roger Griswold,
Wade Hampton,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,

William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
Francis Malbone,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the State of Tennessee;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1797.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate and return from the Governor of Massachusetts, of the election of Thompson J. Skinner, to serve in this House, as a member for the said State, in the room of Theodore Sedgwick, appointed a Senator of the United States; which was read: Whereupon,

The said Thompson J. Skinner appeared; and, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him, by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House.

A petition of Francis M'Donald, of the city of Philadelphia, brother, and heir at law of Alexander M'Donald, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of a certificate granted for the depreciation of the pay of his said brother, as a soldier in the seventh regiment of the Pennsylvania line of the continental Army, during the late war, which was lost, and afterwards delivered into the land office of the said State, with a forged receipt thereon, in the name of the deceased, dated subsequent to the time of his death.

Also, a memorial of Samuel Morrill, of the county of Rockingham, in the State of New Hampshire, a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war, praying that he may receive the same rate of pension which was granted him by an act of the last session of Congress, from the time of his discharge from the service, to the time of passing the said act.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Nathaniel Cushing, by Dwight Foster, his attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to locate warrants for a certain tract of land in the fourteenth range of townships, in the territory of the United States, Northwest of the river Ohio.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth instant, to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;" and, also, whether any, and, if any, what, alterations may be necessary in the same.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the peti-

tions of David Allshouse, and of Edward Thompson, made reports ; which were read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said David Allshouse and Edward Thompson cannot be granted.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, ceding to the United States a tract of land, called Gay's Head, on the island of Martha's Vineyard, in the said State, for the purpose of erecting a light-house thereon, made a report, which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the application of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the establishment of a light-house on Gay's Head, be postponed until the next session of the General Legislature of the United States.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Philip Stimmel, be discharged from the consideration of the same ; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the nineteenth instant, to whom were referred the petitions of William Clark, of Peter Lee, of Cutlip Nestler, and of John Stephenson: Whereupon,

The said report being again read at the Clerk's table,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said William Clark, Peter Lee, Cutlip Nestler, and John Stephenson, cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Coit reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as Secretary and Aid-de-Camp to Major General Lafayette." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the thirteenth instant, to whom it was referred to inquire whether any, and what, amendments may be necessary in the act "to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom it was referred, on the tenth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, articles of foreign growth or manufacture, imported into the United States, or articles manufactured or used within the United States, will allow of an additional duty to be laid upon them, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1797.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee," together with the amendment agreed to yesterday, was read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of Oliver Pollock, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the House will consider his petition, presented the seventh of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and that so much of the claim of the memorialist against the United States, as is acknowledged, may receive the sanction of the House during the present session.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twelfth instant, the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Oliver Pollock.

A memorial of James Arnold and others, inspectors and gaugers at the port of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Also, a memorial of Stephen Hopkins and Robert S. Burrough, weighers and measurers at the said port of Providence, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage.

A petition of John Nelson, Major Commandant of a corps of cavalry of the Virginia line on the State establishment, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying that lands may be granted him on the Northwest side of the Ohio, in lieu of those which he had obtained for his military services, during the late war, and which, by a late treaty between the United States and the Chickasaw Indians, have been ceded to the said Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Edward St. Loe Livermore, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Joseph Biggs and Elijah Hedges, of John Curley, and of William Smith, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Joseph Biggs and Elijah Hedges, John Curley, and William Smith, cannot be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," and, also, whether any, and, if any, what, alterations may be necessary in the same, be further instructed to inquire what progress has been made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;" and, also, whether any, and, if any, what, alterations may be necessary in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the committee, of the thirteenth instant, appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments may be necessary in the act "to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg

reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which be delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That all such parts of the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States," which relate to the light dragoons, ought to be repealed.

2d. *Resolved*, That a major general, and his staff, are no longer necessary; therefore, that the third section of the said act, together with all other parts thereof, which relate to the major general and his staff, be repealed.

3d. *Resolved*, That there shall be one brigadier general, who may chuse his brigade major and inspector from the captains and subalterns in the line; to each of whom there shall be allowed the monthly pay of — dollars, in addition to his pay in the line, and two rations extraordinary per day, and, whenever forage shall not be furnished by the public, to ten dollars per month in lieu thereof. That there shall be one brigade quartermaster, one brigade paymaster, and one judge advocate, who shall be taken from the commissioned officers of the line, and each of whom shall be entitled to receive two rations extra per day, and — dollars per month, in addition to his pay in the line; and, whenever forage shall not be furnished by the public, there shall be allowed to the brigade quartermaster — dollars per month, and to the brigade paymaster and judge advocate each — dollars per month, in lieu thereof.

4th. *Resolved*, That so much of the twenty-third section of the said act, as may be construed to affect the brigadier general and his staff, be, and is hereby, repealed.

5th. *Resolved*, That, from and after the — day of — next, the pay of the lieutenants shall be thirty dollars, and that of the ensigns twenty-five dollars per month. That to the brigadier, while commander in chief, he shall be allowed — rations per day extraordinary; and each officer commanding a separate post, shall be entitled to receive twice the number of rations to which he otherwise would be entitled.

6th. *Resolved*, That the majors be entitled to receive four rations per day, for their subsistence.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions: Whereupon,

The first resolution being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made and seconded to amend the same, by adding, after the word "repealed," at the end thereof, the following words: "and that the four regiments of infantry be reduced to three:"

And, on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 44,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
Christopher Greenup,
William B. Grove,
Wade Hampton,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,

George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Gabriel Christie,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
George Hancock,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Thomas Henderson,
John Wilkes Kittera,

William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Nathaniel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thompson,
John E. Van Allen, and
Peleg Wadsworth.

Another motion was then made and seconded, farther to amend the said first resolution, by striking out the words, "all such parts of the act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States,'" which relate to the light dragoons, ought to be repealed :"

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 18,
 { Nays 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
James Davenport,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Thomas Hartley,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Francis Malbone,
John Milledge,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
John Page,
Samuel Sitgreaves, and
William Smith.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Abiel Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.,
Albert Gallatin,
Christopher Greenup,
Roger Griswold,

William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter.

Francis Preston,
John Reed,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,

Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thompson,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said first resolution, amended to read as followeth :

Resolved, That all such parts of the act, entitled ‘An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,’ which relate to the light dragoons, ought to be repealed; and that the four regiments of infantry to be reduced to three,”

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth resolutions being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Parker, Mr. Van Cortlandt, and Mr. Dearborn, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the better regulation of pilots within the bay and rivers of the Chesapeake; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1797.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth ultimo, to inquire into the state of the naval equipment, ordered by former acts of Congress; and whether any, and what, other naval force is necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States, and the support of their flag, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Arnold Martin, and Sarah his wife, late widow of James Mugford, deceased, and of Jonathan Haynes, made reports; which were read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Arnold Martin, and Sarah his wife, and Jonathan Haynes, cannot be granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee.” And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the report of the Committee of Elections, of the nineteenth instant, as relates to the contested election of Joseph Bradley Varnum, one of the members returned to serve in this House, for the State of Massachusetts, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

The last clause contained in the said report, being under consideration, in the words following, to wit:

“Your committee are, therefore, of opinion, that Joseph Bradley Varnum was duly elected; and that the attempt to deprive him of his seat, was rather the effect of malevolence, than a desire to promote the public good:”

A motion was made and seconded to amend the said last clause of the report, by striking out the words “and that the attempt to deprive him of his seat, was rather the effect of malevolence, than a desire to promote the public good,” for the purpose of inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words: “and that the charges contained in the said petitions, against the sitting member, are wholly unfounded; and that the conduct of the sitting member, appears to have been fair and unexceptionable, throughout the whole transaction.”

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 44,
Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theophilus Bradbury,
Demsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Christopher Greenup,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Carter B. Harrison,

John Hathorn,
Thomas Henderson,
William Hindman,
George Jackson,
Samuel Lyman,
William Vans Murray,
Anthony New,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
William Strudwick,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
George Dent,
Albert Gallatin,
Andrew Gregg,
Jonathan N. Havens,
James Holland,

Andrew Jackson,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Francis Preston, and
John Swanwick.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1797.

The several petitions of John Valentine and John Curle, of John Brown, and of Presley Thornton, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to re-consider their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the State of Tennessee :—" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Alleta Bogert, presented the ninth of March last, and so much of the report of the Committee of Claims, of the thirty-first of May, as relates to the said petition, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, enclosing a report of the Secretary of the Treasury to the said Commissioners; and, also, an official statement of the Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department, relative to the sale of part of the capital stock of the bank of the United States, belonging to the United States, in pursuance of the act "Making provision for the payment of certain debts of the United States;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Mchitabel Baker, late widow of Obediah Newton, deceased, and of Samuel Morrell, made reports; which were read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Mchitabel Baker and Samuel Morrill, cannot be granted.

The House resumed the consideration of the last clause contained in the report of the Committee of Elections, of the nineteenth instant, in the case of the contested election of Joseph Bradley Varnum, one of the members returned to serve in this House for the State of Massachusetts: Whereupon,

The question being taken, that the House do agree to the same, amended to read as followeth:

"Your committee are, therefore, of opinion, that Joseph Bradley Varnum was duly elected; and that the charges contained in the said petitions against the sitting member, are wholly unfounded; and that the conduct of the sitting member appears to have been fair and unexceptionable, throughout the whole transaction:"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment, insisted on by this House, to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the State of Tennessee." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the ninth instant, to whom it was referred to inquire whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1797.

A petition of Ludwig Kuhn was presented to the House and read, praying a re-consideration of his petition, presented the twenty-eighth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; and that such relief may be granted him in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of William Matthews, of Catharine Metcalf, widow of Simon Metcalf, deceased, and of John Nickless, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said William Matthews, Catharine Metcalf, and John Nickless, cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the ninth instant, to whom it was referred to inquire whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report and amendments: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to strike out the first clause of the said report, in the words following, to wit:

It passed in the negative,	{ Yeas	39,
	{ Nays	49.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Aaron Kitchell,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Anthony New,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
Mark Thomson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Fisher Ames,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Gabriel Christie,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Samuel Lyman,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, junior,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 51,
Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
Albert Gallatin,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Andrew Gregg,
William B. Grove,
Wade Hampton,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,

George Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Israel Smith,
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Gabriel Christie,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Samuel Lyman,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, junior,
Zephaniah Swift,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

The next amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House, for striking out the second clause of the said report, in the words following, to wit: "That, in the opinion of the committee, an addition of salary, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, ought to be allowed to each of the following officers, viz: The Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of War, the Attorney General, the Postmaster General, the Treasurer, the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Commissioner of the Revenue, the Auditor, the Register, the Assistant Postmaster General, and the Keeper of Military Stores; and that such addition of salary ought to be at the rate of twenty-five per cent. on the amount of the present compensation allowed by law, to each of the said officers, respectively;" was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House: Yeas 57, Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

George Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, junior,
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

John Wilkes Kittera,
Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
John Page,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Jeremiah Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
Samuel W. Damu,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
William B. Grove,
Wade Hampton,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,

Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
William Craik,
Henry Dearborn,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
John Page,
John Patten,
Samuel Sewall,
John S. Sherburne,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
William Smith,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

And then, the main question being taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in the said report, amended to read as followeth :

“That, in the opinion of the committee, the compensation allowed by law to the Attorney General ought to be augmented by an additional compensation of five hundred dollars per annum, and to commence on the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ;

“That, in the opinion of the committee, the act, entitled “An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks, passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, ought to be continued during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and no longer:”

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report, as amended, and that Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Page, and Mr. Davenport, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the sixteenth instant, to whom were referred the letter and report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and, after some time spent

therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1797.

Another member, to wit: George Leonard, from Massachusetts, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Bezaleel Howe, late a Major in the first sub-legion of the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for expenses incurred, and losses sustained, by the petitioner, in consequence of his being deranged under an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House

A petition of Robert Munford, of the State of Virginia, son and heir of William Green Munford, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of the claims of the deceased, as Deputy Commissary General of Issues for the Southern department, during the late war.

Also, a petition of John Wooton, of the State of North Carolina, praying relief in consideration of a wound received whilst a volunteer in Colonel Benjamin Exum's regiment of militia, in the actual service of the United States, during the late war, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Jabez Bowen, Commissioner of Loans for the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A memorial of Jacob Cazad, of Harrison county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a certain sum of money, which he has been compelled to pay for the release of his children from captivity among the Indians, in violation of a late treaty concluded between the United States and the said Indians.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Maclay, Mr. George Jackson, and Mr. Dana; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition and representation of Jacob Nicholson, Jupiter Nicholson, Job Albert, and Thomas Pritchot, persons of African descent, was presented to the House and read, stating that they were formerly slaves in the State of North Carolina, and emancipated by their respective masters; that, for several years past, they have resided in the State of Pennsylvania, without molestation, but are now persecuted by persons who are endeavoring to force them back into their former state of servitude and slavery; that they also experience great inconvenience from the operation of an act of Congress, commonly called the fugitive law; and praying the interference and protection of Congress in the premises.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said petition and representation be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to alter and amend an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Jane Adams, of Winthrop Saltonstall, and David Scott, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Jane Adams, Winthrop Saltonstall, and David Scott, cannot be granted.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard D'Cantillon and Daniel Lefferts, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That provision be made, by law, for granting certificates of registry, enrolment, and license, without surrendry of the old ones, in certain cases, on sales, by proof of law, of any ship or vessel.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of John Robinson, in behalf of himself and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third instant, the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Fowler, presented the twenty-ninth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the seventeenth of May last, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee."

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed on the fifth instant to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures for the War Department, from the first of October, to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third instant, the bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the sixteenth instant, to whom were referred the letter and report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1797.

A petition of Josiah Woodward, and others, inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying an alteration of the post road, from the town of Taunton, to the town of Boston, in the said State.

Also, a memorial of Richard Forrest, Postmaster at Georgetown, in the State of Maryland, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the 10th instant, the bill in addition to the

act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States."

A memorial of David Jones, chaplain to the legion of the United States under the command of the late Major General Wayne, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive his pay and other emoluments in that capacity, from the time he was deranged by an act of the last session of Congress, until the fourth day of March next.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Edward Lacey was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as an Assistant Foragemaster in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Lawrence Fonda, presented the sixteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of North and Vesey, of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties on a quantity of goods imported by the petitioners into the port of Charleston, which goods were consumed by a late fire in the said port.

Also, a petition of Thomas Hall, praying to be re-imbursed for the value of a quantity of goods, the property of the petitioner, which were improperly seized, and sold for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States.

Also, a petition of Robert Sage, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Henry Bower, of Thomas Donnellan, of Elisha Gordon, and of John Valentine and John Curle, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Henry Bower, Thomas Donnellan, of Elisha Gordon, and John Valentine and John Curle, cannot be granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons who shall be elected, of their election; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President. I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per gallon, on all beer, ale, and porter, imported in casks into the United States.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per dozen bottles, on all beer, ale, and porter, imported in bottles.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per pair, on every pair of boots imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per pair, on all imported shoes and slippers of silk; and on all other shoes, slippers, clogs, and goloshes, for men and women, per pair, _____ cents; and on all shoes and slippers for children, _____ cents per pair.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per pound on all souchong and black teas.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per pound, on all hyson, imperial, and gunpowder teas, imported; and on all other green teas, _____ cents per pound.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per hundred weight, on all unmanufactured steel.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per hundred weight, on all bar iron, imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of _____ cents per pound, on all nails imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per hundred weight, on all Glauber salts imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per pound, on all manufactured tobacco imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per pound, on all snuff imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per pound, on all cocoa imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per pound, on all chocolate imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per pound, on all pepper imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid an additional duty of ——— cents per pound, on all pimento imported.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid a duty of ——— cents per pound, on all chocolate manufactured within the United States.

Resolved, That there ought to be laid a duty of ——— cents per pound on all snuff manufactured within the United States.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the third instant, on the subject of further revenues.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the sixteenth instant, to whom were referred the letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said report, as amended, was then read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That, for the expenditure of the civil list; for the extra expenses of foreign intercourse; for the support of the mint establishment, light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and to satisfy certain miscellaneous claims, stated in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fifteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, together with the incidental and contingent expenses of the several Departments, and the offices thereof, the following sums be respectively appropriated; that is to say:

For compensation to the President of the United States	\$ 25,000
Ditto to the Vice President	- 5,000
	<hr/> 30,000

THE LEGISLATURE.

For compensation to the Senators and members of the House of Representatives, their officers and clerks, and for the contingent expenses of both Houses, estimating the attendance of the whole number for four months:	
Thirty-two members of the Senate, at six dollars per day,	23,360
Speaker of the House of Representatives, at twelve dollars per day	- 1,460
One hundred and five members, at six dollars per day	- 76,650
Travelling expenses to and from the seat of Government	- 26,000
Secretary of the Senate, one year's salary	- 1,500
Additional allowance, estimated for four months, at \$2 per diem,	243 33
	<hr/> 1,743 33
Principal Clerk to the Secretary of the Senate, for 365 days, at three dollars per diem	- 1,095
Two engrossing clerks to ditto, at two dollars per day, each, for 365 days	- 1,460
Chaplain to the Senate, estimated for four months, at five hundred dollars per annum	- 166 67
Doorkeeper to the Senate, one year's salary	- 500

Assistant doorkeeper to the Senate	-	-	-	450
Clerk to the House of Representatives, one year's salary	-	-	-	1,500
Additional allowance, estimated for four months, at two dollars per day	-	-	-	243 33
				<hr/> 1,743 33
Principal Clerk in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for 365 days, at three dollars per day				1,095
Two engrossing clerks, at two dollars per day each, for 365 days	-	-	-	1,460
Chaplain to the House of Representatives, estimated for four months, at five hundred dollars per annum	-	-	-	166 67
Sergeant-at-arms, for the same time, at four dollars per day				486 67
Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives, one year's salary	-	-	-	500
Assistant doorkeeper, ditto	-	-	-	450
Expenses of fire-wood, stationery, printing work, and all other contingent expenses of both Houses of Congress :				
For the Senate, estimate	-	-	-	4,000
The House of Representatives, do.	-	-	-	7,500
To make good a deficiency in the appropriation for the year 1796, occasioned by the several grants of the House on the last day of the session	-	-	-	500
				<hr/> 8,000
				<hr/> 12,000

THE JUDICIARY.

Compensation to the Chief Justice	-	-	-	4,000
Ditto to five Associate Judges, at \$3,500 each	-	-	-	17,500
Ditto to the District Judge of Maine	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of New Hampshire	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of Vermont	-	-	-	800
Ditto of Massachusetts	-	-	-	1,200
Ditto of Rhode Island	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of Connecticut	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of New York	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto of New Jersey	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of Pennsylvania	-	-	-	1,600
Ditto of Delaware	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of Maryland	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto of Virginia	-	-	-	1,800
Ditto of Kentucky	-	-	-	1,000
Ditto of North Carolina	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto of Tennessee	-	-	-	800
Ditto of South Carolina	-	-	-	1,800
Ditto of Georgia	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto to the Attorney General				
For defraying the expenses of clerks of courts, jurors, and witnesses, in aid of the fund arising from fines, forfeitures, and penalties ; and likewise for defraying the expenses of prosecutions for offences against the United States, and for safe keeping of prisoners	-	-	-	

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Compensation to the Secretary of the Treasury	-	3,500
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th of May, 1796	-	5,000
Ditto, messenger and office-keeper	-	250
		<hr/> 8,750
Compensation to the Comptroller of the Treasury	-	2,650
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th May, 1796	-	8,850

Compensation of messenger and office-keeper	250	
	<hr/>	11,750
Compensation to the Auditor of the Treasury	2,400	
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th May, 1796	9,175	
Ditto of messenger and office-keeper	250	
	<hr/>	11,825
Compensation to the Treasurer of the United States	2,400	
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of the 30th May, 1796	2,150	
Contingent expenses of the office ; for bills of exchange, fuel, stationery, office-rent, &c.	600	
	<hr/>	5,150
Compensation to the Commissioner of the Revenue	2,400	
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th May, 1796	2,775	
Ditto, of messenger and office-keeper	250	
	<hr/>	5,425
Compensation to the Register of the Treasury	2,000	
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th May, 1796	12,925	
Ditto, of messengers and office-keepers	500	
	<hr/>	15,425
Compensation to the Purveyor of the Treasury	2,000	
Compensation to the Secretary to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, from 2d April, 1796, to the 31st Dec'r 1797, at 250 dollars per annum		419 17
Expense of stationery, printing, and all other contingent expenses of the several offices of the Treasury :		
Secretary of the Treasury	500	
Comptroller of the Treasury,]	800	
Auditor of the Treasury	750	
Commissioner of the Revenue	400	
Register of the Treasury (including books for the public stocks, printing work, and books for the arrangement of the marine papers)	2,800	
Rent of the Treasury	1,200	
Ditto, of a house for part of the Register's office	360	
Ditto, of a house for the Auditor	600	
Ditto, of a small store for public papers for the Register's office	133 33	
Ditto, of a house for the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, and for part of the offices of the Comptroller, Auditor, and Register	400	
Wood for the Department (Treasurer's excepted) and other contingencies	3,500	
For the expense incident to the stating and printing the public accounts for 1797	1,000	
And for the payment of certain incidental and contingent expenses of the Treasury Department in the year 1796, beyond the sum which was appropriated	1,500	
	<hr/>	13,943 33

Compensation to the several Loan Officers, viz.

For the State of New Hampshire	650
Massachusetts	1,500
Rhode Island	600

For the State of Connecticut	-	-	-	1,000
New York	-	-	-	1,500
New Jersey	-	-	-	700
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	1,500
Delaware	-	-	-	600
Maryland	-	-	-	1,000
Virginia	-	-	-	1,500
North Carolina	-	-	-	1,000
South Carolina	-	-	-	1,000
Georgia	-	-	-	700
				<hr/> 13,250

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Compensation to the Secretary of State	-	-	3,500
Ditto, of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act passed 30th May, 1796	-	-	4,042 64
Ditto to office-keeper and messenger	-	-	250
			<hr/> 7,792 64

Incidental and Contingent Expenses.

Stationery	-	-	-	-	300
Firewood	-	-	-	-	200
Office-rent	-	-	-	-	500
Newspapers from the different States, about 20, at 4 dollars each,	-	-	-	-	80
Gazettes from, and gazettes sent to, American Ministers abroad	-	-	-	-	100
Laws of the second session of the fourth Congress, to be published in five newspapers, at 100 dollars each	-	-	-	-	500
For printing an edition of the same, agreeably to an act of 15th September, 1789, say	-	-	-	-	800
For printing 5,000 copies of the same, agreeably to an act of 3d March, 1795, say	-	-	-	-	1,600
For printing sea-letters and safe-conducts	-	-	-	-	200
For printing patents for useful arts, including parchment	-	-	-	-	50
For printing patents for lands to the Virginia line, including ditto	-	-	-	-	300
For printing patents in the present year, not provided for in the appropriation	-	-	-	-	425
For striking Mediterranean passports, being done by a copper-plate, including parchment, and re-tracing the plate, say	-	-	-	-	1,500
For ditto, struck off the present year, not provided for in the appropriation	-	-	-	-	1,500
For translating foreign languages	-	-	-	-	350
For binding books for the office	-	-	-	-	100
For the purchase of books for ditto	-	-	-	-	200
					<hr/> 8,705
					<hr/> 16,607 64

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Compensation of the Director	-	-	-	-	2,000
Ditto Treasurer	-	-	-	-	1,200
Ditto Assayer	-	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto Chief Coiner	-	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto Melter and Refiner	-	-	-	-	1,500
Ditto Engraver	-	-	-	-	1,200
Ditto one clerk	-	-	-	-	700
Ditto two ditto at 500 dollars each	-	-	-	-	1,000
					<hr/> 10,600

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Compensation to the Secretary of War	-	-	3,000
Ditto of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th May, 1796	-	-	4,750
Ditto to office-keeper and messenger	-	-	250
			<hr/> 8,000

Contingencies of the War Office.

For stationery, wood, &c.	-	-	1,000
For office rent	-	-	1,000
			<hr/> 2,000
			<hr/> 10,000

The Accountant's Office.

Compensation to the Accountant	-	-	1,600
Ditto of clerks, agreeably to an arrangement for the year 1796, in pursuance of the act of 30th May, 1796	-	-	5,800
Ditto to messenger and office-keeper	-	-	250
Contingencies	-	-	600
			<hr/> 8,250
			<hr/> 18,250

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Compensation to the Surveyor General	-	-	2,000
Towards carrying into effect the surveys to be made by the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the land of the United States, in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," in which it is prescribed by the 10th section, that the President of the United States may fix the compensation of the assistant surveyors, chain carriers, and axe-men, &c.	-	-	25,000
			<hr/> 27,000

Government of the Territory Northwest of river Ohio.

Governor, for his salary as such, and for discharging the duties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Northern Department	-	-	2,000
Secretary of the said District	-	-	750
Three Judges, at 800 dollars each	-	-	2,400
Stationery, office-rent, &c.	-	-	350
			<hr/> 5,500

For the discharge of such demands against the United States, on account of the Civil Department, not otherwise provided for, as shall be ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement at the Treasury, and which are of a nature, according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie	-	-	3,000
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PAYMENT OF ANNUITIES AND GRANTS.

Isaac Van Wart,	} Each a pension of 200 dollars per annum, pursuant to an act of Congress of the 25th of Nov. 1780	600
John Paulding,		
David Williams,		
Dominique L'Eglise, per act of Congress of 8th August, 1782	-	120
John Traverse, per act of Congress of 8th August, 1782,	-	120
Samuel M'Kenzie,	} Per act of 10th September, 1783, entitled to a pension of forty dollars each	120
Joseph Brussels,		
John Jordan,		

Elizabeth Bergen, per act of 21st August, 1781	-	53 33	
Joseph De Beauleau, per act of 5th August, 1782	-	100	
		<hr/>	1,113 33
Annual allowance to the widow and orphan children of Colonel John Harding, per act of 27th February, 1793	-	450	
Ditto, to the orphan children of Major Alexander True- man, per act of 27th February, 1793	-	300	
Ditto, for the education of Hugh Mercer, son of the late Major General Mercer, per act of Congress of 2d of March, 1793	-	400	
		<hr/>	1,150

MINT ESTABLISHMENT.

For the wages of persons employed in the Mint, at the different branches of refining, melting, carpenters', millwrights', and smiths' work, including the sum of 800 dollars per annum, allowed to an assistant coiner and die forger, who also oversees the execution of the iron work—

Incidental and Contingent Expenses and Repairs.

Repairs of furnaces, cost of rollers and screws, timber, bar iron, &c. for blacksmith, millwright, and machinery work	-	-	-	-	-
Wood and coals, used in the works	-	-	-	-	-
Lead, steel, potash, vitriol, aquafortis, oil, candles, tallow, and a variety of other articles necessary for the establishment	-	-	-	-	-
Melting pots, crucibles, and muffles	-	-	-	-	-
Ironmongery	-	-	-	-	-
Hay and corn for five horses, and the probable expense of one	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery, firewood, &c. for the different offices of the Mint	-	-	-	-	-

DIPLOMATIC DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary of State estimates the following sums necessary for defraying the expenses of foreign intercourse for the year 1797 :

For four Ministers Plenipotentiary, at 9,000	-	-	36,000
four Secretaries to ditto	1,350	-	5,400
one Minister Resident	-	-	4,500
Outfit of a Minister Plenipotentiary to the French Republic, in 1796	-	-	9,000
Contingent expenses of the Ministers, others than those which are personal	-	-	3,000
Expenses relative to the claims of our citizens, whose property has been captured by the belligerent Powers	-	-	<hr/>
Deduct the annual appropriation, agreeably to the act of Congress, passed the first of July, 1790, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations"	-	-	40,000
Remains to be provided for	-	-	<hr/>

For the support of Light-houses, &c.

For the maintenance and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, and stakeage of channels, bars, and shoals, and for occasional improvement in the construction of lanterns, and of the lamps and materials used in them	-	-	24,000
For the repairs requisite at Reedy Island, and the oil vault, &c. at Cape Henlopen	-	-	4,500
To complete the payments for building a light-house on Baldhead, in North Carolina	-	-	1,359 14

To make good a deficiency from the balance of 13,000 dollars, granted for building a light-house on Montock Point, being carried to the credit of the "Surplus Fund," as per page 80, of the printed public accounts for the year 1795, in pursuance of the 16th section of the act passed 3d March, 1795

13,000

And for this sum in addition, being to enable a full payment of the claims for building the said light-house

2,040 67

15,740 67

45,599 81

MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS.

For to satisfy Miscellaneous Claims.

For the payment of the representatives of Samuel Patterson, late Commissioner of the Loan Office for the State of Delaware, balance due to the deceased, on the final adjustment of his Loan Office Accounts under the late Government, by the accounting officers of the Treasury

272 89

For this sum, being a balance found due to James O'Hara, late Agent for the Quartermaster's Department, according to a settlement of his account at the Treasury

235 81

For this sum, being a balance found due to Timothy Pickering, as Commissioner appointed to hold the Indian treaties at Konondaigua and Oneida

3,463 12

For compensation to persons employed in bearing votes to the seat of Government, for Electors of the President and Vice President of the United States

1,600

To make good certain deficiencies arising from the balances of moneys of various appropriations being carried to the credit of the "Surplus Fund," in pursuance of the 16th section of the act passed 3d March, 1795—

To the following items, being part of the sum of 4,560 dollars 97 cents, as per page 77, of the printed public accounts, for the present year, viz :

For the payment of the clerks employed by the Commissioner of Loans, Massachusetts, for the quarter ending 30th March, 1795

164 70

For ditto, ditto, Commissioner of Loans, New York, ditto

125

For ditto, ditto, Commissioner of Loans, North Carolina

500

On the appropriation for defraying the expense of a treaty with the Indians Northwest of the Ohio, of 2d March, 1793—

For the payment of a balance stated by the accounting officers of the Treasury, to be due to Timothy Pickering, Beverly Randolph, and Benjamin Lincoln, Commissioners appointed to negotiate and treat with the said Indians

3,247 56

4,037 26

For the discharge of such miscellaneous demands against the United States, not otherwise provided for, as shall have been admitted in a due course of settlement at the Treasury, and which are of a nature, according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie

2,000

11,609 08

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said report, as amended ; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of ——— be appropriated, on account, towards defraying the expenses of the Military and Naval Establishments for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven."

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said motion, as amended, was then read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the sum of ——— be appropriated, on account, towards defraying the expenses of the Military Establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1797.

Ordered, That the petition of William Moore, presented the seventeenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and so much of the report of the Committee of Claims, of the thirty-first of May last, as relates to the said petition, be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of Barnt De Klyn, of Jacob Hollingsworth, of Archibald Johnson, of James Powell, of Elizabeth Stewart, widow of James Stewart, deceased, and of Peter Witner, made reports; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorials and petitions of the said Barnt De Klyn, Jacob Hollingsworth, Archibald Johnson, James Powell, Elizabeth Stewart, and Peter Witner, cannot be granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to a resolution "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to Mr. Harper, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Isaac Smith, and Mr. Harrison.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the message of yesterday, from the Senate, as relates to the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected, of their election; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Sitgreaves, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, under specific restrictions, for the renewal of destroyed certificates, of certain descriptions:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Coit, Mr. Richard Sprigg, Jun. Mr. Patten, Mr. Varnum, and Mr. Blount; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1797.

A memorial of sundry merchants of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of an act of Congress passed the twenty-ninth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act making further provision in cases of drawbacks."

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of John Ward, acting partner of the house of John Ward and Company, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain final settlement certificate, the property of the said Company, which was lost or destroyed some time in the month of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Also, the petitions of James Brotherton, and of Elijah Holcombe, respectively praying that they may receive the pay and other emoluments due for their military services in the Fifth Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare, and report to the House of Representatives, at the next session of Congress, such a system as will enable the House to comprise into *one*, the various laws which have been made, and are now in force, for laying and collecting duties of impost and tonnage, reducing therein to a specific rate of duty those articles which are now rated according to value, and which, in his opinion, may more advantageously be rated specifically, and conforming, as nearly as may conveniently be done, to the existing rates, agreeably to the tariff directed to be by him reported, by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-committed their report of the thirty-first of May last, on the petition of Alleta Bogert; and to whom was also referred the petition of Joseph Brevard, made reports; which were read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the Joint Committee of the two Houses, appointed to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected of their election; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President; and have appointed a teller of the votes, on their part, pursuant to the said report. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1797.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of Bezaleel Howe, and the memorial of David Jones; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A memorial of Samuel Miles, junior, and others, reduced Pennsylvania officers, and representatives of deceased officers, who performed military services in America, under the Government of Great Britain, in the war between that Nation and France, was presented to the House and read, praying that certain authorized surveys made by the memorialists, for their respective portions of land, to which they became entitled, under the Royal proclamation, of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, may now be confirmed to them by grant in the unappropriated lands of the United States, set apart by Congress for military services.

Also, a petition of John Walters, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in

consideration of a wound received, whilst a Marine on board the ship General Washington, in the Navy of the United States, during the late war, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of Peter Grove, of the State of Pennsylvania, in behalf of himself, and as attorney in fact for Adam Grove, administrator of Michael Grove, deceased, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and supplies furnished the Army of the United States, by the deceased, and the petitioner, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of William Young and others, Inspectors of the Customs for the district and port of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of Anna de Neufville, widow of John de Neufville, deceased, formerly a merchant in the city of Amsterdam, in behalf of herself and her infant daughter, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and losses sustained by the deceased, in support of the American cause, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Harper, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Ege, and Mr. Wadsworth; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and continue the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, "to regulate the compensation of Clerks;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sitgreaves, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with a committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected, of their elections; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President, made a report, in part; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That the two Houses shall assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock: That two persons be appointed tellers, on the part of this House, to make a list of the votes, as they shall be declared: That the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, and the persons elected, to the two Houses, assembled as aforesaid; which shall be deemed a declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President; and, together with a list of votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses."

Resolved, That Mr. Sitgreaves and Mr. Parker be appointed tellers on the part of this House, pursuant to the said report.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, and a partial appropriation for the Military Establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George Colbert, a Chief and Warrior of the Chickasaw nation of Indians, made

a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the reports of the Committee of Claims, on the petitions of the widow of the late Scolacuttaw, or Hanging Maw, and of James Ore.

Mr. Jeremiah Smith, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, the memorial of the Illinois and Wabash Land Company, by James Wilson, their President, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee, to whom were referred the petitions of Nathaniel Cushing, by Dwight Foster, his attorney, and of James Garnett, legatee and executor of James Mercer, deceased, made reports; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to whom it was referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;" and, also, whether any, and, if any, what, alterations may be necessary in the same, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States," and, the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and amend an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1797.

Ordered, That Mr. Giles have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Stephen Addington, of Germantown, in the State of Pennsylvania, calico printer, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, in the establishment of a manufactory for printing and staining of muslins and linens, within the United States.

Also, a petition of Francis Brinley and others, manufacturers of cordage in Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on foreign cordage, imported into the United States; or that such other encouragement may be given to the manufacture of cordage within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition and memorial of Samuel Clap and others, auctioneers, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of an act of Congress, passed the ninth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act laying duties on property sold at auction."

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That David Organ, who presented a petition to this House on the tenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Maclay, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jacob Cazad, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Jacob Cazad have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred a letter from the Secretary of War, of the twentieth ultimo, accompanying a list of the names of certain claimants to be placed on the pension list, who have been examined by physicians ; and, also, the returns of the examining physicians thereon, made pursuant to a resolution of the two Houses of Congress, of the eighteenth of April last, made a report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

"That, on a full investigation of the documents referred to them, they find the persons hereafter named, have complied with the requisitions of the law respecting pensions for invalids ; and are entitled to the several rates of pension annexed to their names, respectively ; that is to say :

OF THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

Joseph Goodrich, a private, half a pension ; Joseph Patterson, a private, half a pension.

OF THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT,

Joseph Tyler, a private, half a pension ; Isaac Webster, a sergeant, half a pension.

OF THE DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,

Stephen Kellogg, a private, a full pension ; Garret Oblenis, a private, half a pension ; William Scott, a major, a full pension ; Finley Stewart, a batteaman, three-fourths of a pension ; Thomas Ward, a corporal, a full pension.

OF THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND,

Philip Casson, a lieutenant, a full pension.

OF THE DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA,

Joshua Davidson, a dragoon, three-fourths of a pension ; Jonathan Dyer, a private, full pension.

OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Daniel M'Kissick, a captain, half a pension ; Joseph Singletary, jun. a private, three-fourths of a pension ; Ithamar Singletary, a private, one-fourth of a pension ; William Simpson, a private, half a pension ; Joseph Wasson, a private, a full pension.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary for the Department of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place on the pension list of the United States, the several persons before named, who have been returned as pension claimants, by the Judges of several Districts, pursuant to an act of Congress, passed the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act to regulate claims to invalid pensions," at the rates and proportions annexed to the names of the said persons, respectively.

"*Resolved*, That the pensions allowed by this act, shall be estimated at the same rates, receivable on the same conditions, and payable in the same manner, as directed in like cases, by the act of the twentieth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of War, to place certain persons therein named, on the pension list."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said report, and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the petitions of Robert Sage, and of Thomas Hall ; also, a resolution of the House, of the sixteenth ultimo, relative to the expediency of fixing a number of buoys in and near the harbor of Boston, made a report ; which was read : Whereupon,

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table ; and so much thereof as relates to the petitions of Robert Sage and of Thomas Hall, being again read,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Robert Sage and Thomas Hall cannot be granted.

The other parts of the said report, which relate to the fixing of buoys in and near the harbor of Boston, being again read, were, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels;" and to an act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Coit, from the committee, to whom was referred a motion of the first instant, relative to a provision, by law, under specific restrictions, for the renewal of destroyed certificates, of certain descriptions, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

"That no provision appears to have been made by the United States, for the renewal of destroyed certificates of any kind, except those of the description called Loan Office Certificates, and those called final settlements.

"That, by resolutions of Congress of the tenth of May, and eighteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, provision was made for the renewal of Loan Office certificates destroyed, on proper proof made of the destruction of such certificates to the Officers of the Treasury.

"That, by the act of Congress of the twenty-fourth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, the provisions of the said act were extended to certificates of the description called final settlements; other regulations were made respecting the renewal of loan office certificates, and those called final settlements; and it was declared that all claims for renewal of loan office certificates and final settlements, not presented at the Treasury on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, should be barred.

"That, by act of Congress of the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, all certificates, commonly called loan office certificates, final settlements, and indents of interest, outstanding at the time of passing the said act, and which should not be presented at the office of the Auditor of the Treasury, on or before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, were declared to be forever after barred or precluded from settlement or allowance.

"That most of the cases where certificates of the public debt are said to have been destroyed, took place long before the passing of the said act of the twenty-fourth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, probably, a great proportion of them before the passing of the said resolution of the tenth of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty; from which circumstance, as well as the nature of the subject, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, at this time, to guard against fraud and imposition, should further provision be made for renewing them; and the committee cannot find stronger reasons in favor of keeping in force the statutes of limitations, in relation to any class of claims, than to that contemplated in the resolution referred to them: They are, therefore, of opinion that the House ought not to agree to the same."

The House proceeded to consider the said report; and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House: Yeas 49, Nays 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,
James Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,

Jesse Franklin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Grove,
Wade Hampton,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John Heath,
Andrew Jackson,
John Wilkes Kittera,
George Leonard,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,

William Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Francis Malbone,
 John Milledge,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 Francis Preston,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Jeremiah Smith,

Israel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 William Smith,
 William Strudwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Mark Thomson,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Abraham Venable,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
 Dempsey Burges,
 Gabriel Christie,
 John Clopton,
 William Craik,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Henry Dearborn,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 William Findley,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Albert Gallatin,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 John Hathorn,
 William Hindman,

James Holland,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 John Richards,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 John E. Van Allen, and
 Richard Winn.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was recommitteed, on the 30th ultimo, the bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage, reported an amendatory bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom it was referred, on the twenty-first day of December last, to inquire and report whether any, or what, alterations are necessary in the laws to enforce the payment of moneys due from the various revenue officers of the United States, be instructed to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and the Receivers of Public Money; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the restriction in the fifty-sixth section of the act, entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and, also, upon spirits distilled in the United States, and for appropriating the same," so far as the said restriction respects any domestic distilled spirits, which may be exported from the district of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky; or from any district which may be hereafter established on the rivers Mississippi or Ohio, or the branches thereof; and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Skinner, be appointed a Committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and amend the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1797.

Another member, to wit: Thomas Sprigg, from Maryland, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Charles Jackson, of the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read; praying the renewal of a land warrant granted him in consideration of his military services as an ensign in the Army of the United States, during the late war; which warrant was delivered to the legal attorney of the petitioner, and afterwards casually lost or mislaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of Augustine Biddle, of Dempsey Burges, of Philip Bush, of Samuel Brook Beale, of Mary S. Jones, of Emory Saddler, junior, and Elizabeth his wife, executrix of William Wright, deceased, and of John Ward, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Anna Welsh, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for increasing the compensations allowed to the members of the legislature, and certain officers of the Government, for a limited time," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and amend an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the Military Establishment of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House being read, for striking out the second section, in the words following, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States cause to be arranged the officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians, of the four regiments of infantry, and two companies of light dragoons, now in service, in such manner as to form and complete out of the same, three regiments of infantry; and the supernumerary officers shall be considered, from and after the last day of June next, discharged from the service of the United States:"

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in the said amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas, 50,
Nays, 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,

Theophilus Bradbury,
Gabriel Christie,

Joshua Coit,
 William Cooper,
 William Craik,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 James Davenport,
 Henry Dearborn,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Roger Griswold,
 George Hancock,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 John Heath,
 Thomas Henderson,
 William Hindman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 George Leonard,

Samuel Lyman,
 James Madison,
 Francis Malbone,
 John Milledge,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 Francis Preston,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thomson,
 John E. Van Allen, and
 Peleg Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 David Bard,
 Thomas Blount,
 Nathan Bryan,
 Daniel Buck,
 Demsey Burges,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 John Clopton,
 Isaac Coles,
 William Findley,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Albert Gallatin,
 James Gillespie,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Christopher Greenup,
 William B. Grove,
 Wade Hampton,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Hathorn,
 James Holland,

Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 Matthew Locke,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Andrew Moore,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 John Richards,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 John Swanwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Abraham Venable,
 John Williams, and
 Richard Winn.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolutions of this House, of the fifth ultimo, "relative to the balances found due by commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the said amendment be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom was referred, on the third instant, the memorial of Anna de Neufville, widow of John de Neufville, deceased, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a list of certain claimants to be placed on the pension list, belonging to the State of New Jersey ; as, also, returns made by the examining physicians to the Department of War, in the cases of the said claimants, in pursuance of a resolution of both Houses of

Congress, of the eighteenth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims, with instruction to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the assessment and collection of direct taxes; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill laying a direct tax upon the United States; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the whole House last appointed.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of a resolution entered into the sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to lay before Congress certain annual statements respecting the product of the internal revenues, and the expenses of collection, as relates to "a list of all the officers employed in collecting the said revenues, and of the compensations allowed to each," be rescinded:

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said motion,

And passed in the negative.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1797.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of James Brotherton, of Elijah Holcomb, of Francis M'Donald, and of Robert Munford, made reports; which were severally read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorials and petitions of the said James Brotherton, Elijah Holcomb, Francis M'Donald, and Robert Munford, cannot be granted.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry manufacturers of chocolate, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the third ultimo, the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the subject of further revenues.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House is now ready to attend them in opening the certificates, and counting the votes of the Electors of the several States, in the choice of a President and Vice-President of the United States, in pursuance of the resolutions of the two Houses of the second and third instant; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned,

The Senate attended, and took seats in the House; when, both Houses being assembled,

Mr. Sitgreaves and Mr. Parker, the tellers on the part of this House, together with Mr. Sedgwick, the teller on the part of the Senate, took seats at the Clerk's table.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificates of the electors of the several States, beginning with the State of Tennessee; and, as the votes were read, the tellers, on the part of each House, counted and took lists of the same; which, being compared, were delivered to the President of the Senate, and are as follow:

	John Adams, of Massachusetts.	Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia.	Thomas Pinckney, of South Carolina.	Aaron Burr, of New York.	Samuel Adams, of Massachusetts.	Oliver Elsworth, of Connecticut.	John Jay, of New York.	George Clinton, of New York.	Samuel Johnston, of North Carolina.	James Iredell, of North Carolina.	George Washington, of Virginia.	Charles C. Pinckney, of S. Carolina.	John Henry, of Maryland.
New Hampshire,	6					6							
Massachusetts	16		13			1			2				
Rhode Island,,	4					4							
Connecticut,	9		4				5						
Vermont,	4		4										
New York,	12		12										
New Jersey,	7		7										
Pennsylvania,	1	14	2	13									
Delaware,	3		3										
Maryland,	7	4	4	3									2
Virginia,	1	20	1	1	15			3			1		
Kentucky,		4		4									
North Carolina,	1	11	1	6						3	1	1	
Tennessee,		3		3									
South Carolina,		8	8										
Georgia,		4						4					
	71	68	59	30	15	11	5	7	2	3	2	1	2

RECAPITULATION OF THE VOTES OF THE ELECTORS.

John Adams,	71	Oliver Elsworth,	11	Samuel Johnston,	2
Thomas Jefferson,	68	George Clinton,	7	John Henry,	2
Thomas Pinckney,	59	John Jay,	5	Charles C. Pinckney,	1
Aaron Burr,	30	James Iredell,	3		
Samuel Adams,	15	George Washington,	2		

The President of the Senate, pursuant to the joint resolutions of the two Houses of the second and third instant, then announced the state of the votes to both Houses, and declared "That JOHN ADAMS, of Massachusetts, was duly elected President of the United States, for four years, to commence on the fourth of March next; and that THOMAS JEFFERSON, of Virginia, was duly elected Vice President of the United States, for the like term of four years, to commence on the said fourth day of March next"—concluding in the following words—"And may the Sovereign of the Universe, the ordainer of civil government on earth, for the preservation of liberty, justice, and peace among men, enable both to discharge the duties of their offices conformably to the Constitution of the United States, with conscientious diligence, punctuality, and perseverance."

The two Houses then separated.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1797.

A petition and memorial of Sarah Macomb, Alexander Macomb, and Alexander Von Pfister, executrix and executors of William Macomb, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that grants of certain tracts of land, in the vicinity of Detroit, made by the Indians to the said Alexander Macomb, and William Macomb, as tenants in common, may be confirmed to the devisees of the deceased.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Var-num, and Mr. Marclay ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Hendrick Doyer, of the city of New York, merchant and distiller, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against a decision of the late Secretary of the Treasury, relative to a penalty incurred for a breach of the laws of revenue.

Also, the petitions of sundry manufacturers of cordage, in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying that an additional duty may be imposed on foreign cordage and yarn, imported into the United States ; or that such other encouragement may be given to the manufacture of cordage within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of John Stephens and others, Inspectors of the Customs for the port of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensations allowed them by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the bill relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of Lawrence Fonda, of Edward Lacey, and of John Walters, made reports ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorials and petitions of the said Lawrence Fonda, Edward Lacey, and John Watters, cannot be granted.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Comfort Sands, and others, and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the sixteenth ultimo, on the memorial of Andrew Dunscomb, which lay on the table : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Andrew Dunscomb cannot be granted.

Mr. Sitgreaves, from the committee appointed on the first instant, on the part of this House, jointly with a committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for the President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected of their election ; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President, made a farther report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to give, by letter, to the Vice President elect, a notification of his election.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for increasing the compensations allowed to the members of the Legislature, and certain officers of the Government, for a limited time ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenburg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table ; and, on the question that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 58,
Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,

Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,

Demsey Burges,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 John Clopton,
 Isaac Coles,
 William Findley,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Albert Gallatin,
 James Gillespie,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William B. Grove,
 Wade Hampton,
 George Hancock,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Hathorn,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 John Heath,
 Thomas Henderson,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,

Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 John Milledge,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 Francis Preston,
 John Richards,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Israel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 Thomas Sprigg,
 William Strudwick,
 Mark Thomson,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Abraham Venable, and
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Theophilus Bradbury,
 Daniel Buck,
 Joshua Coit,
 William Cooper,
 William Craik,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 James Davenport,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 William Hindman,

Edward Livingston,
 Samuel Lyman,
 Francis Malbone,
 William Vans Murray,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to communicate to this House an address, which was, this day, made to the Senate by the Vice President, in the following words, to wit :

Gentlemen of the Senate :

In consequence of the declaration, made yesterday in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, of the election of a President and Vice President of the United States, the record of which has just now been read from your Journal by your Secretary, I have judged it proper to give notice, that, on the fourth of March next, at twelve o'clock, I propose to attend again in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, in order to take the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, to be taken by the President, to be administered by the Chief Justice, or such other Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, as can most conveniently attend ; and in case none of those Judges can attend, by the Judge of the District of Pennsylvania, before such Senators and Representatives of the United States, as may find it convenient to honor

the transaction with their presence."—The Senate have appointed a committee, on their part, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to consider whether any, and, if any, what, measures ought to be adopted for the further accommodation of the President, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next : And then he withdrew.

The said address was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the said message as relates to the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, to consider whether any, and, if any, what, further measures ought to be adopted for the further accommodation of the President, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Sitgreaves, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote of this House on the farther report, made this day from the joint committee appointed to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected of their election, which directs the Clerk of this House to notify, by letter, the Vice President elect of his election, be rescinded.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the method of taking evidence to be adduced in the trial of contested elections for this House shall, hereafter, be as follows :

First. The party intending to contest an election, shall give notice of such intention to the person returned. If it be an election in the usual course, this notice shall be given at least _____ weeks, before the time when the said person is to take his seat ; if not in the usual course, but to fill a vacancy, then the notice shall be given within _____ days after the persons appointed to hold the election, shall have made known, publicly, the state of the poll. The notice shall be delivered in writing, at the usual residence of the person returned ; and if he be absent shall be left there open.

Secondly. Either party intending to take examinations, shall then apply to some Justice, or Judge of the Courts of the United States, or some Chancellor, Justice, or Judge of a Supreme, Superior, or County Court, or Court of Common Pleas of any State, or some Mayor, or Chief Magistrate of a town or city, and shall obtain a notification, under his hand and seal, directed to the opposite party, and requiring him to attend, by himself, or his attorney, duly authorized, and cross examine the witnesses. This notification shall state the time and place of examination, and the names of the witnesses ; and it shall be served on the opposite party, or his attorney, duly authorized, as either may be nearest to such place, provided either is within one hundred miles of it. For attendance after serving the notification, one day, exclusive of Sundays, shall be allowed for every twenty miles.

Thirdly. In all cases where either party shall give notice to the other of his having appointed an attorney for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be necessary to serve the above mentioned notification on the attorney.

Fourthly. Every person deposing, shall make oath or affirmation to testify the whole truth, and shall subscribe the testimony by him or her given, which shall be reduced to writing only by the magistrate taking the deposition, or by the deponent in his presence. The deposition, so taken, together with a certificate of the notices, and proof of the service of them, shall be sealed up by the magistrate who took it, and transmitted to the Speaker of this House.

Resolved, That the examinations of witnesses, taken in this manner, and no other, shall hereafter be admitted on the trials of contested elections.

Resolved, That copies of any papers recorded in any office of record, provided those copies be attested under the hand and seal of the recording officer, shall be admitted at all such trials, in the same manner as the originals would be, if produced. In like manner, copies of any other papers of a public nature, and remaining in the possession of a public officer, shall be admitted, when attested under the hand and seal of that officer.

Resolved, That — copies of those resolutions shall be forwarded, forthwith, to the Executive of every State, with a request that they will cause the managers of every election, in their respective States, to be furnished with at least one copy.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the farther report, made this day, of the Joint Committee appointed to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for

President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected, of their election. The Senate have appointed a committee, on their part, to confer with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, on a proper mode of notifying the Vice President elect of his election. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Sitgreaves, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith, be appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the fifth ultimo, the report of the Attorney General, relative to the contract entered into between the United States and John Cleves Symmes, together with the documents accompanying the same, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States during one year prior to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill allowing a drawback upon domestic distilled spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons, by the Mississippi ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, and a partial appropriation for the Military Establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a detailed statement of the application and expenditure of all the sums which have been appropriated for defraying the extra expenses attending the intercourse with foreign nations, excepting from the same, such statements as are already contained in any confidential communication of the President of the United States.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1797.

Mr. Sitgreaves, from the committee appointed yesterday, on the part of this House, to confer with a committee appointed by the Senate on a proper mode of notifying the Vice President elect of his election, made a report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table ; where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the notification of the election of the Vice President elect, be made by such person, and in such manner, as the Senate may direct.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Peter Grove, of William Moore, and of Presley Thornton, made reports ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Peter Grove, William Moore, and Presley Thornton, cannot be granted.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill repealing, in part, the "act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States," passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the report of the committee of the twenty-fifth ultimo, to whom it was referred to inquire into the state of the Naval equipment ordered by former acts of Congress, and whether any, and what, other Naval force is necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States, and the support of their flag; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before this House such information as he may possess, or be able to obtain, relative to the expenses of prosecuting the claims of our citizens whose property has been captured by the belligerent Powers, for which the sum of fifty thousand dollars is inserted in his estimate of appropriations for the present year.

Mr. William Lyman, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth of December last, to inquire into the actual state of the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States, and whether any, and what, further provision is necessary to be made on that subject, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1797.

A petition of Susannah Russell, of the State of Virginia, widow and administratrix of Charles Russell, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of certain lands granted for the military services of the deceased, as an officer in the Virginia line on the State establishment, during the late war, which have been ceded by the United States to the Chickasaw nation of Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the report of the committee appointed on the sixteenth of December last, to inquire into the actual state of the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States, and whether any, and what, further provision is necessary to be made on that subject, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Ludwig Kuhn and of Mordecai Sheftall, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Ludwig Kuhn cannot be granted.

Ordered, That such parts of the said report as relate to the petition of Mordecai Sheftall, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petition of the Corporation of Rhode Island College, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of authorizing the accounting officers of the Treasury to adjust and settle all such necessary expenses and reasonable demands as have been occasioned by the prosecution and trial of persons for offences, during the late insurrection, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by the act of the last session; and that the said committee report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Nicholas, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of the twenty-fifth ultimo, to whom it was referred to inquire into the state of the Naval equipment, ordered by former acts of Congress, and whether any, and what, other Naval force is necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States, and the support of their flag; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the first and third resolutions contained in the said report, with amendments, and, also, their disagreement to the second resolution.

The resolutions, as originally reported by the Select Committee, were read at the Clerk's table, as follow :

1. "*Resolved*, That — dollars be appropriated to finish, and equip for sea, the frigates *United States*, *Constitution*, and *Constellation*."

2. "*Resolved*, That — dollars ought to be appropriated for the purpose of buying and fitting up for the *United States* a proper site for a Naval yard."

3. "*Resolved*, That — dollars ought to be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing live oak and red cedar timber, or lands stored with it, for Naval purposes."

The first resolution being again read, the first amendment thereto, reported by the Committee of the Whole House, for striking out the words "*and equip for sea*," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The other amendment to the said first resolution reported by the Committee of the Whole House, for adding thereto the following words, "and that all such parts of the act, entitled '*An act to provide a Naval armament*,' as relate to the appointing and commissioning of the officers, and manning the ships, in and by the said act directed to be provided, ought to be repealed, except so far as may relate to any officers already appointed under the said act," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House—Yeas 63, Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John Heath,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
George Leonard,
Edward Livingston,

Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
Thomas Sprigg,
William Strudwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theophilus Bradbury,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,

Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,
Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,

Josiah Parker,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,

William Smith,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson, and
John E. Van Allen.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said first resolution, amended to read as followeth :

“*Resolved*, That — dollars be appropriated to finish the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation ; and that all such parts of the act, entitled ‘An act to provide a Naval armament,’ as relate to the appointing and commissioning of the officers, and manning the ships, in and by the said act directed to be provided, ought to be repealed, except so far as may relate to any officers already appointed under the said act :”

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement being again read,

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 21.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Ege,
William Findley,
Abiel Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John Heath,
William Hindman,
James Holland,

Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
George Leonard,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
John Richards,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
William Strudwick,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth.
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Demsey Burges,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
George Dent,

Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,

**Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson, and
John E. Van Allen.**

The question was taken, that the House do disagree to the same.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Jackson,
George Leonard,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Elisha R. Potter,
Francis Preston,
John Reed,
John Richards,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
Thomas Sprigg,
William Strudwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Francis Malbone,
John Milledge,
William Vans Murray,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten.
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson, and
John E. Van Allen.

On the question, that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the said first resolution, as amended,

It was moved and seconded to amend the said question, by striking out the words "*or bills,*"

And the question being taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 38,
 { Nays 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Theodorus Bailey,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,
Albert Gallatin,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
Jonathan N. Havens,

John Heath,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
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Thomas Sprigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
William Hindman,
George Leonard,
Edward Livingston,

Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
John S. Sherburne,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Ordered, That Mr. Parker, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Harper, do prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the said first resolution, as amended.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1797.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of soap and candles, in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Baltimore, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the

Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
John Clopton,

Isaac Coles,
 William Cooper,
 William Craik,
 Henry Dearborn,
 George Ege,
 William Findley,
 Abiel Foster,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 James Gillespie,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William B. Grove,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 John Heath,
 Thomas Henderson,
 William Hindman,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 George Leonard,
 Edward Livingston,
 Samuel Lyman,
 William Lyman,
 James Madison,

Francis Malbone,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Anthony New,
 Alexander B. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 John Reed,
 John Richards,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Samuel Sewall,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Israel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 Thomas Sprigg,
 John Swanwick,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thomson,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Thomas Blount,
 Richard Brent,
 Nathan Bryan,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Joshua Coit,
 James Davenport,
 George Dent,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Wade Hampton,
 George Hancock,
 John Hathorn,

James Holland,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Matthew Locke,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Milledge,
 John Nicholas,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 William Strudwick,
 Zephaniah Swift, and
 John Williams.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Parker, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Ege, and Mr. Wadsworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill repealing so much of an act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to provide a Naval armament," as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Havens, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twentieth of December last, a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a report of the Director of the Mint, suggesting the expediency of some alterations in its establishment, to render it less expensive to the public, and more accommodating to depositors, made a report;

which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of incorporating the Commissioners of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Brent, Mr. Greenup, and Mr. Coit, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1797.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill granting a certain sum of money to the widow and children of John de Neufville, deceased; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Brown, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John Brown cannot be granted.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred several petitions of Richard Blackledge, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the seventeenth ultimo, to whom was re-committed the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Hugh Lawson White; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth.

Resolved, That provision, by law, ought to be made for the payment of the balance due to General Sevier, and the troops under his command, in the expedition undertaken in the Summer and Fall of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, by orders from the Secretary of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instruction to report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing, in part, the "Act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States, passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sitgreaves, from the committee appointed on the ninth instant, on the part of this House, jointly, with a committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider whether any, and, if any, what measures ought to be adopted for the further accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Money; and, after some time spent

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,

John Page,
Josiah Parker,
William Strudwick,

Mark Thompson, and
Abraham Venable,

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act repealing, in part, the 'Act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,' passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry it to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Money, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Money."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Brown, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, one of the partners of the late house of Brown and Francis, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the drawback on a quantity of geneva and a number of empty bottles, exported by the said house of Brown and Francis, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, to the East Indies; and that the bonds given to secure the duties thereon, may be cancelled, on proof being made to the satisfaction of the Accounting Officers of the Treasury, that the said geneva and bottles were duly exported, and landed without the limits of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was committed, on the first instant, a resolution of the Senate, "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress, to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Frothingham, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Peling, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Robert Peling cannot be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with an estimate of the Secretary of War, of the sum necessary to be appropriated to make good deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Military Department, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, a petition of sundry measurers of the District and Port of New York, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the bill relative to the compensation and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a statement, in detail, of the claims for militia services, which, in his estimate of the tenth instant, he states at one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; and, also, a statement, in detail, of the expenditure and application of the moneys appropriated by law, for the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, from whence have resulted the deficiencies by him stated in the above mentioned estimate, to amount to the two respective sums of forty-four thousand one hundred and twenty-two dollars, and thirty-two thousand dollars.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, February 15th, 1797.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I lay before you an official statement of the expenditure, to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, from the sums heretofore granted to defray the contingent charges of the Government.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1797.

A memorial of George Turner, one of the Judges of the territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that the House will enter upon an investigation of the allegations and charges brought against him, in a petition presented at the last session, from sundry inhabitants of the said territory.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of sundry venders of wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors, by retail, in the City and County of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the power of remitting fines and penalties already incurred, or which may hereafter, through ignorance, be incurred, for a breach of the revenue laws, may be vested, by law, in some officer of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Sitgreaves, and Mr. Gilbert; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Edward Rowe, late chief mate of the brig Sophia, under the command of Captain Richard O'Brien, in the service of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of wounds and injuries received by the bursting of a blunderbuss on board the said brig, at Lisbon, when on a voyage from Philadelphia to Algiers.

Also, a petition of Joseph Goss, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained, as a physician and surgeon to the legion under the command of Count Pulaski, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Thomas Cox, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Germantown, whilst a soldier in the third regiment of the Pennsylvania line, on Continental Establishment, during the late war, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with sundry statements and papers relative to the application and expenditure of the sums appropriated for defraying the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with Foreign Nations, in pursuance of the resolutions of this House of the ninth and tenth instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the third instant, the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, and a partial appropriation for the Military Establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report, made yesterday, from the committee, to whom was committed, on the first instant, a resolution of the Senate, "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States," which lay on the table, be recommitted to Mr. Harper, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Isaac Smith, and Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Warrington, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Lydia Cogswell, late widow of Samuel Wallingford, deceased, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it will not be proper to grant to the petitioner the seven years' half-pay and bounty, agreeably to the prayer of her petition.

Ordered, That the message and statement, of yesterday, from the President of the

United States, relative to the expenditure to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, from the sums heretofore granted to defray the contingent charges of the Government, which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed, on the third instant, the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, and a partial appropriation for the Military Establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, the amendment proposed by the Senate to the resolutions of this House of the fifth ultimo, "relative to the balances found due by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States," be discharged from the consideration of the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment.

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their said resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the ninth instant, to whom was recommitted, on the fifth ultimo, a report of the Attorney General, relative to the contract entered into between the United States and John Cleves Symmes, together with documents accompanying the same ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to grant, in fee simple, to John Cleves Symmes and his associates, that part of the tract of land, the boundaries whereof are ascertained by a survey, executed in conformity to the act of Congress, entitled "An act for ascertaining the bounds of a tract of land purchased by John Cleves Symmes," and returned to the Treasury Department the tenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, which is not included within the bounds of the grant already made on the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, to the said John Cleves Symmes and his associates, excepting, and reserving out of the same, the lots reserved by the original contract entered into between the United States and the said Symmes and his associates : *Provided*, That the said John Cleves Symmes and his associates shall, previously, in conformity to the terms of the original contract, make the requisite payments for the tract to be granted to them, and for the forty-seven thousand six hundred and twenty-five acres, part of the grant already made to them on the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, for which they have not yet paid any consideration : *And provided, also*, That the township reserved for an academy, and of the resolutions, and a law of Congress relative thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Venable, Mr. Havens, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Sherburne, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President being absent, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, and William Bingham has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the twenty-third ultimo, to whom it was referred to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, articles of foreign growth or manufacture imported into the United States, or articles manufactured or used within the United States, will allow of an additional duty to be laid upon them ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1797.

A petition of Thomas Underwood, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the amount of the prizes drawn by sundry tickets in the second class of the United States Lottery, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Samuel Abbot and others, formerly soldiers in the third regiment of the Massachusetts line, praying that they may receive the pay and other emoluments due to them for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war, which they conceive have been unjustly detained from them by the agent for the said regiment.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures of the officers of the Customs for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; as, also, an explanatory letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill allowing a drawback upon domestic distilled spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons by the Mississippi; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the resolutions of the fifth ultimo, "relative to the balances found due by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States;" and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendment; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said conference; and that Mr. Galatin, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Baldwin, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the twenty-third ultimo, to whom it was referred to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, articles of foreign growth or manufacture imported into the United States, or articles manufactured or used within the United States, will allow of an additional duty to be laid upon them; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

On the question, that this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1797.

An engrossed bill allowing a drawback upon domestic distilled spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons by the Mississippi, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act allowing a drawback upon domestic distilled spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons by the Mississippi."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of George Smith was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of a certain sum of money, which he advanced for his ransom from captivity among the Algerines.

Also, a memorial of John Robertson to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Samuel Loudon, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for sundry supplies furnished Udney Hay, Deputy Quartermaster for the said State, by order of Timothy Pickering, Quartermaster General of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of William M'Kinly, praying relief, in consideration of the loss sustained by the petitioner on account of his contract with Isaac Craig, Deputy Quartermaster General, for the delivery of a certain quantity of Indian corn for the use of the Army of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of James Frazier, Collector for the District of Vienna, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion

Resolved, That, during the continuance of the present session, it shall be a standing order of the day, that a call of the House shall be had, as soon as the Speaker takes the chair, at the hour to which the House stands adjourned: *Provided*, That when a quorum appears, the Speaker be authorized to suspend the call.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third ultimo, the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws in certain cases therein mentioned," be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Sitgreaves, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Griswold.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, a petition of sundry venders of wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors, by retail, in the city and county of Philadelphia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Ralston, assignee of Thomas Barclay, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act "authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes and his associates;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means of the twenty-third ultimo, to whom it was referred to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, articles of foreign growth or manufacture, imported into the United States, or articles manufactured or used within the United States, will allow of an additional duty to be laid upon them, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

The first resolution being twice read, and amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That there be paid an additional duty of one half cent per pound, on brown sugar, imported into the United States; upon molasses, one cent per gallon, and nine cents per pound on sugar candy.

The second and third resolutions being severally twice read, were agreed to by the House as follow :

Resolved, That there be laid an additional duty of two cents per pound, on all bohea teas, imported into the United States.

Resolved, That there be laid an additional duty of two and a half per cent, ad valorem, on all cotton goods, not printed, stained, or colored, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. Harper, Mr. Davenport and Mr. Henderson, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation, to which committee was also committed, the bill repealing so much of an act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to provide a naval armament," as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the last mentioned bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The first amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House, for adding a new section, to be the second section of the said bill, being read, in the words following to wit :

"*And be it further enacted*, That the sum of ——— dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of finishing the frigates now building, called the United States, Constitution, and Constellation ; and that the same be paid out of the surplus of revenue and income, which may accrue to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, after satisfying the objects for which appropriations have been heretofore made :"

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 59,
 { Nays 25.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Nathan Bryan,
Demsey Burges,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
John Wilkes Kittera,
George Leonard,
Edward Livingston,

Matthew Locke,
Samuel Lyman,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
John Patten,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
John Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
William Hindman,

Francis Malbone,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg.,
William Vans Murray,
Josiah Parker,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Nathaniel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
John Swanwick,
George Thatcher, and
Peleg Wadsworth.

The other amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House, for filling up the blank in the said second section, with the words "one hundred and seventy-two thousand," was, on the question being put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act "making an appropriation to satisfy certain demands attending the late insurrection, and to increase the compensation to jurors and witnesses in the courts of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels;" and to an act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations to defray the expense of negotiations with Mediterranean powers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1797.

An engrossed bill repealing so much of an act, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to provide a naval armament," as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States; and appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act repealing so much of an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to provide a naval armament,' as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States; and appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels, and to an act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same,'" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels,' and to an act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of John Black was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments due for his services as a sergeant of the sixth regiment of the south Carolina line, on continental establishment, during the late war.

Also, a petition of William Erwin, of Iredell county, in the State of North Carolina, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in the militia of the Province of North Carolina, on an expedition against the Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Harper, from the committee appointed, presented according to order, a bill for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-committed, on the twenty-first of December last, their report on the petition of Reuben Colborn, made a report, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventeenth instant, the bill directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said bill be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a list of certain claimants, to be placed on the pension list, belonging to the State of Connecticut; as, also, the returns made to the War office, by the examining physicians, in the cases of the said claimants, pursuant to a resolution of both Houses of Congress of the eighteenth of April last; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the thirtieth ultimo, to whom it was referred to inquire into the progress made in carrying into effect the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;" and, also, whether any, and if any, what, alterations may be necessary in the same; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That the evidences of the public debt of the United States shall be receivable in payment for all the lands that may be sold after the — day of — next; the six per cent stock, and foreign debt to be received at their nominal value; and, the rate at which the other species of stock shall be received, to bear the same proportion to their respective market prices, as the nominal value of the six per cent. stock shall, at the time of payment, bear to its market price.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Nathaniel Smith and Mr. Bard, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition of Thomas Butler and others was presented to the House and read, praying that a re-survey may be made of certain sections and fractional parts of sections of land, purchased by the petitioners, in the several ranges of townships lying on the West side of the river Ohio, in the Northwestern territory, and which, upon actual measurement, are found to be deficient in the quantity mentioned in the plat of the said sections, and the advertisement of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative thereto.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That, a sum, not exceeding — dollars, be appropriated for the expense of the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven."

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That, a sum, not exceeding — dollars, be appropriated for the expense of the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was, this day, committed the bill for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Harper, Mr. Davenport, and Mr. Henderson.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the tenth inst. to whom it was referred, on the sixteenth of December last, to inquire into the actual state of the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States; and whether any, and what further provision is necessary to be made on that subject; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars be appropriated for the purposes of fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting an explanatory letter from the Secretary of the Treasury; also, sundry statements relative to the expenditures in the Military Department, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the fifteenth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Hancock have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Sitgreaves, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the eighteenth instant, the bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned, reported an amendatory bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1797.

Ordered, That Mr. Preston have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

A petition of Pierre Joseph Flamend, for, and in behalf of, Louis le Guen, of the City of New York, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that the time allowed by law for the re-exportation of indigo, may be extended, so that the petitioner may be enabled to avail himself of the benefit of drawback on a quantity of that article.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the sixteenth instant, their report on the resolution of the Senate "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Samuel Abbot, and others; of John Bennet, in behalf of himself and Abraham Sutton; of Samuel Edy; of Francis Guillo; of Thomas Roche; of Lemuel Snow; of Joshua Whitney, by Timothy Winn, his Agent; and of Thomas Wells; made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the ninth ultimo, the bill to amend and repeal, in part, an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United States," be discharged from the consideration of the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive and continue the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, "to regulate the compensation of Clerks;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was, yesterday, recommitted the bill for raising a further sum of money by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to suspend, in part, the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar,'" and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, and a partial appropriation for the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of the United States either advancing, or ultimately defraying the whole, or part, of the expenses of prosecuting the claims of their citizens, whose property has been captured by the belligerent Powers, and of authorizing the President of the United States to pledge the faith of the United States for that purpose:"

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, with instruction to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Peleg Wadsworth.

Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Richard Winn.

William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thompson,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Demsey Burges,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,

James Davenport,
 Henry Dearborn,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 William Findley,
 Dwight Foster,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Albert Gallatin,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 Thomas Henderson,
 William Hindman,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 George Leonard,
 Matthew Locke,
 Samuel Lyman,
 James Madison,
 Francis Malbone,
 John Milledge,

Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Richards,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thomson,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
 Thomas Blount,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 John Clopton,
 James Gillespie,
 Christopher Greenup,
 John Hathorn,
 John Heath,
 James Holland,

Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 William Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 William Strudwick,
 John Swanwick,
 Abraham Venable, and
 Richard Winn.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act authorizing the President of the United States to apply a further sum to the expense of negotiations with the Dey and Regency of Algiers;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry it to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to revive and continue the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, "to regulate the compensation of Clerks," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive and continue the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act repealing the limitation to the act, in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and to continue in force the same," together with the amendments, agreed to yesterday, was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of John Hobby, Marshal of the District of Maine, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees and

other emoluments allowed him by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Attorney General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the memorial of George Turner, which lay on the table, together with the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of St. Clair, in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, presented the twenty-fifth of April last, and the report of the Attorney General thereon, made the tenth of May, be referred to Mr. Bradbury, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Orr; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Fenton, widow of Joseph Fenton, deceased, made a report, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States.'"

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before Congress, annually, until the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, a statement of the amount of duties and drawbacks for each year, from 1792, inclusive; and after the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, similar annual statements, each to include, respectively, the six years immediately preceding the year in which it is made.

Resolved, That in the statements required by the foregoing resolution, the amount of duties and drawbacks, after the present year, on each of the enumerated articles, paying a rate of duty ad valorem, and also, on woollens, shall be separately stated;—that woollens shall be distinguished into three classes;—and that the said amount on all enumerated articles paying such rate of duty, (woollens excepted) shall be comprised in one item, containing, however, an enumeration of the articles of which that item may be composed.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Harper, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Venable; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to the act "authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes, and his associates;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the twenty-first instant, to whom was re-committed their report on a resolution of the Senate, "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Livingston, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief and protection of American seamen;" which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported on the fifteenth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage, which lay on the table; and the same being read, were agreed to.

The House then proceeded farther to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, when an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1797.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act "authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes, and his associates," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes, and his associates.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Reuben Smith, of the city and State of New York, merchant, for himself and Nathan Strong, of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, merchant, partners in trade, under the firm of Reuben Smith and company, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the bounty on the exportation of a quantity of beef and pork, from the port of New York, to the port of L'Orient, in France, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; the certificate of the landing of which beef and pork without the limits of the United States, owing to unforeseen causes, could not be obtained by the petitioners, within the time, and in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Glentworth and others, Custom-house bargemen at the port of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report on the memorial of Antonia Carmichael, widow of William Carmichael, deceased, referred to him by order of the House, on the twenty-fourth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the belligerent Powers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Joseph Flamend, in behalf of Louis le Guen, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of North and Vesey, merchants in Charleston, South Carolina; made a report, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of soap and candles in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Baltimore, of sundry manufacturers of cordage in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, and of Stephen Addington, callico printer in Germantown; made a report, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of October to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Gould, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage; and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed on the sixteenth instant, the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of James Warington, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the bill for raising a further sum of money by additional duties on certain articles imported; and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1797.

An engrossed bill relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of James O'Brien and James Aylward, late inhabitants of the island of Newfoundland, now at the town of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties of tonnage on two small schooners, the property of the petitioners, which they have delivered, together with the registers belonging to the same, to the Collector of the port of Plymouth, as security for the payment of the duties aforesaid; and, also, that the said schooners may be restored to the petitioners.

Also, a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Champlain, in the State of New York, in behalf of themselves and others, inhabitants of the northern part of the town of Plattsborough, in the said State, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a Custom House may be established as near the line which divides the said State of New York from the province of Canada, as a convenient situation can be found for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom it was referred, on the twentieth of December last, to inquire into, and report the expediency or in expediency of designating certain claims against the United States, to be excepted from the operation of the acts of limitation, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the sixth ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of Amy Dardin, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

The said report being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"That the most important, and all the material facts respecting this claim, are stated in the former report of the committee appointed to consider the said petition. To that report the committee now ask leave to refer. Whatever justice there might originally have been in this claim against the United States, it is now, and for many years past, has been as clearly within the statutes of limitation, as a multitude of others, which have been rejected. The committee regret that no relief can, with propriety, be granted to the petitioner, upon her application. So many evils would result from a suspension of the limitation acts, for the admission of claims similar to the one under consideration, the committee cannot recommend that measure to be adopted. They are of opinion the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted."

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said report,

And passed in the negative.

And then a motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the relief of Amy Dardin.

Ordered, That the said motion, together with the petition of the said Amy Dardin, presented the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the petitions of John Brown, partner of the late House of Brown and Francis.

and of Hendrick Doyer; and to whom was re-committed on the sixth instant, their report on a resolution of the House, of the sixteenth ultimo, relative to the fixing a number of buoys in, and near the harbor of Boston, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for the relief of John Brown, and to entitle him to a drawback of duties paid on certain gin and bottles exported in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, by the House of Brown and Francis, on proof, to the satisfaction of the Comptroller of the Treasury, that the same were delivered without the limits of the United States.

Ordered, That so much of the said report, as relates to the petition of Hendrick Doyer, do lie on the table, until Monday next.

Resolved, That provision be made by law, for certain buoys, not exceeding six larger, and ten smaller buoys, and the whole expense of which, shall not exceed ——— dollars, to be placed under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in and near the harbor of Boston,

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes: Whereupon,

The amendments to the first section being again read, as followeth:

Strike out the words "*cotton goods not printed, stained, or coloured;*" and in lieu thereof, insert "*that class of goods which now pays a duty of ten per centum ad valorem.*"

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
 { Nays 60.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Daniel Buck,
Dempsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
James Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
James Gillespie,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
John Hathorn,
Thomas Henderson,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,

Samuel Lyman,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Nathaniel Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
George Ege,
William Findley,
Dwight Foster,

Jesse Franklin,
Albert Gallatin,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Andrew Gregg,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John Heath,
William Hindman,
George Jackson,
John Wilkes Kittera,
George Leonard,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,

Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Fredrick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr.
John Pagé,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,

John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and,
Richard Winn.

The other amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House, being again read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the twenty-first instant, to whom was re-committed their report on a resolution of the Senate "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress, to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon, The resolution contained in the same, being again read, in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to apply, as speedily as may be, to all those States, by which, as far can be known from the official documents, heretofore transmitted, all or any of the amendments at any time proposed by Congress, still remains to be ratified; and to obtain from them, authentic information of the proceedings had by them, respectively, on the subject of those amendments, or any of them."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House then proceeded to consider the said resolution of the Senate; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be requested to adopt some speedy and effectual means of obtaining information from the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and South Carolina, whether they have ratified the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution, concerning the suability of States; if they have, to obtain the proper evidences thereof."

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee to whom was referred a motion of the twenty-second instant, "directing the Secretary of the Treasury to lay before Congress, annually, statements of the amount of duties and drawbacks, from the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, inclusive," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill with the amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1797.

An engrossed bill for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67,
Nays 21.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Dempsey Burges,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman.
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Christopher Greenup,
Roger Griswold,
Wade Hampton,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley.
Jonathan N. Havens,

Thomas Henderson,
William Hindman,
Andrew Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
George Leonard,
Edward Livingston,
Samuel Lyman,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
William Strudwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Nathan Bryan,
Isaac Coles,
George Ege,
Andrew Gregg,
John Hathorn,
John Heath,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,

Francis Malbone
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
John Swanwick,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry it to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities accruing in certain cases therein mentioned, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas50,
 { Nays34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Theophilus Bradbury,
 Daniel Buck,
 Joshua Coit,
 William Craik,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 James Davenport,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 James Gillespie,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 John Hathorn,
 Thomas Henderson,
 William Hindman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 George Leonard,

Samuel Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Francis Malbone,
 John Milledge,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Jeremiath Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher.
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thomson,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 David Bard,
 Thomas Blount,
 Nathan Bryan,
 Dempsey Burges,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Isaac Coles,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 John Heath,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 Edward Livingston,

Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 John Page,
 John Patten,
 John Richards,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John S. Sherburne,
 'Tompson J. Skinner,
 Israel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 William Strudwick.
 John Swanwick,
 Philip Van Cortlandt, and
 Richard Winn.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry it to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Elizabeth Flagg, of the State of Rhode Island, widow of Josiah Flagg, deceased, a Lieutenant Colonel in a Brigade of Artillery, in the service of the United States, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying a re-consideration of the memorial presented by the deceased, on the twenty-ninth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and that such relief may be granted to the petitioner, in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was re-committed, on the third ultimo, their report on the petition of Aaron Sheffield, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompany-

ing a return from the examining physicians to the War Office, in the case of a certain claimant, to be placed on the pension list, belonging to the State of Delaware, in pursuance of a resolution of both Houses of Congress, of the eighteenth of April last; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act granting a certain sum of money to the widow and children of John de Neufville, deceased." The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act allowing a drawback upon domestic distilled spirits, exported in vessels of less than thirty tons, by the Mississippi." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Griffin Griffith, of William Laken, by Jeremiah Smith, his attorney, of John Rearden, of Philip Tabor, and of John Wooton, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the belligerent Powers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels;'" and to an act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act granting a certain sum of money to the widow and children of John de Neufville, deceased;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt, in payment for the lands of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to suspend, in part, the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar,'" and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Brown; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

Mr. Brent, from the Committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the Commissioners of Washington, in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act repealing the limitation to the act, in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to continue in force the same." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the belligerent Powers, was read the third time :

It was resolved in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	54,
{ Nays	27.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Francis Malbone,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Samuel Sewall,
John S. Sherburne,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, junior,
Thomas Sprigg,
John Swanwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Edward Livingston,
 Samuel Lyman,
 William Lyman,
 James Madison,
 Francis Malbone,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 John Nicholas,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 John Richards,
 Samuel Sewall,
 John S. Sherburne,

Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 William Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, junior,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 John Swanwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
 Nathan Bryan,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 John Clopton,
 Isaac Coles,
 Jesse Franklin,
 James Gillespie,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Wade Hampton,
 John Hathorn,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 John Heath,

Thomas Henderson,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Matthew Locke,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Milledge,
 Anthony New,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Robert Rutherford,
 William Strudwick, and
 Richard Winn.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bradbury, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-second instant, the memorial of George Turner, together with the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of St. Clair, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, presented the twenty-fifth of April last, and the report of the Attorney General thereon, of the tenth of May, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-committed, on the twentieth instant, the bill directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list, reported several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills; one entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels,' and to an act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;'" and another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" also, an enrolled resolve "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State on the memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, respecting spoliations on the trade of the United States by the French Republic, referred to him by order of the House, on the seventh of May last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. William Smith, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Coit, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General, enclosing his report on the memorial of John Hobby, Marshal of the District of Maine, in the State of Massachusetts; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to accommodate the President." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act repealing so much of an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to provide a naval armament,' as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States, and appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act granting a certain sum of money to the widow and children of John de Neufville, deceased;" another entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels,' and to an act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" and another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" also, an enrolled resolve, "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1797.

Mr. Livingston, from the committee appointed on the twentieth of December last, to inquire into the operation of the act for the relief and protection of American seamen, and to report what amendments are necessary to be made thereto, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State on the memorials of George Smith, and of John Robertson; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Swanwick, Mr. Coit, Mr. Blount, Mr. Sewall, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Gallatin, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendment depending between the two Houses, to the resolutions "relative to the balances found due by commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thatcher, from the committee to whom were committed the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States,'" made a report: Whereupon,

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table ; and the same being read, some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for raising a further sum of money by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the two last mentioned bills ; and the same being severally read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act repealing so much of an act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to provide a naval armament,' as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States, and appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation : " Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until the next session of Congress.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, who, by command of the President, returned to the House the bill passed by the two Houses, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,' and presented to the President, for his approbation, on Wednesday, the twenty-second of this month ; to which bill the President having made objections, the same were also delivered in by the said Secretary, who then withdrew.

The said objections were read, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal, as follow :

UNITED STATES, February 28, 1797.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

Having maturely considered the bill to alter and amend an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," which was presented to me on the twenty-second day of this month, I now return it to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, with my objections.

First. If the bill passes into a law, the two companies of light dragoons will be, from that moment, *legally* out of service, though they will afterwards continue *actually* in service ; and for their services, during this interval, namely, from the time of *legal* to the time of *actual* discharge, it will not be lawful to pay them, unless some future provision be made by law. Though they may be discharged at the pleasure of Congress, in justice they ought to receive their pay, not only to the time of passing the law, but, at least, to the time of their actual discharge.

Secondly. It will be inconvenient and injurious to the public to dismiss the light dragoons as soon as notice of the law can be conveyed to them, one of the companies having been lately destined to a necessary and important service.

Thirdly. The companies of light dragoons consist of one hundred and twenty-six

non-commissioned officers and privates, who are bound to serve as dismounted dragoons when ordered so to do. They have received, in bounties, about two thousand dollars; one of them is completely equipped, and above half of the non-commissioned officers and privates have yet to serve more than one third of the time of their enlistment; and besides, there will, in the course of the year, be a considerable deficiency in the complement of infantry intended to be continued. Under these circumstances, to discharge the dragoons does not seem to comport with economy.

Fourthly. It is generally agreed that some cavalry, either militia or regular, will be necessary; and, according to the best information I have been able to obtain, it is my opinion that the latter will be less expensive and more useful than the former, in preserving peace between the frontier settlers and the Indians; and, therefore, a part of the military establishment should consist of cavalry.

G. WASHINGTON.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the re-consideration of the said bill, in the mode prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation to satisfy certain demands attending the late insurrection, and to increase the compensation to jurors and witnesses in the courts of the United States,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first amendment, and doth disagree to the last amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate adhere to their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the resolutions of the fifth ultimo, "relative to the balances found due by Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning the circuit courts of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1. 1797.

An engrossed bill directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Orchard Cook and Abiel Wood, junior, of Wiscasset, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties on a certain quantity of rum, the property of the petitioners, in consideration of the loss of the schooner Mary, on board of which the said rum was shipped some time in the month of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Lewis was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a supernumerary Aid-de-camp to the late Major General Wayne,

from the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, the time of his appointment in that capacity, until the death of the said General Wayne.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Thomas Hall and Robert Sage, who, severally, presented petitions to this House on the thirty-first of January last, have leave to withdraw the same.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the circuit courts of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to re-consider the bill passed by the two Houses of Congress, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,'" which was presented for approbation on Wednesday, the twenty-second of February, and returned by the President yesterday, with objections.

The said bill was read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth :

"An act to alter and amend an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third section of the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," together with all other parts thereof which relate to provision made for the Major General and his staff, be repealed ; and that all such parts of the said act which relate to the light dragoons, together with so much of the twenty-third section of the said act as may be construed to affect the Brigadier, and the whole of the eleventh section of the said act be, and are hereby, repealed.

"And be it further enacted, That there shall be one Brigadier General, who may choose his Brigade Major and Inspector from the Captains and subalterns in the line, (to each of whom there shall be allowed the monthly pay of twenty-five dollars, in addition to his pay in the line, and two rations extraordinary per day ; and whenever forage shall not be furnished by the public, to ten dollars per month, in lieu thereof.) That there shall be one Brigade Quartermaster, one Brigade Paymaster, and one Judge Advocate, who shall be taken from the commissioned officers of the line, and each of whom shall be entitled to receive two rations extra per day, and twenty-five dollars per month, in addition to his pay in the line ; and whenever forage shall not be furnished by the public, to ten dollars per month, in lieu thereof.

"And be it further enacted, That, from and after the thirtieth day of June next, the monthly pay of the Lieutenants shall be thirty dollars, and that of the Ensigns twenty-five dollars ; that to the Brigadier, while Commander-in-Chief, and to each officer, while commanding a separate post, there shall be allowed twice the number of rations to which they would otherwise be entitled.

"And be it further enacted, That the Majors be entitled to receive four rations per day for their subsistence.

"And be it further enacted, That to each commissioned officer who may have been deranged under the act "to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," or who may be deranged under the present act, there shall be paid one hundred dollars.

JONATHAN DAYTON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BINGHAM,

President of the Senate pro tempore."

The President's objections were also read ; and, after debate on the subject matter of the said bill, the question "That the House, on re-consideration, do agree to pass the bill" was determined in the mode prescribed by the Constitution of the United States ;

And passed in the negative, { Yeas55, } as follow :
 { Nays36. }

YEAS.

Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 David Bard,

Thomas Blount,
 Richard Brent,
 Nathan Bryan,

Baniel Buck,
 Demsey Burges,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 John Clopton,
 Isaac Coles,
 Henry Dearborn,
 William Findley,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Albert Gallatin,
 James Gillespie,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William B. Grove,
 Wade Hampton,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Hathorn,
 Jonathan N. Havens,
 John Heath,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Edward Livingston,

Matthew Locke,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 John Milledge,
 Andrew Moore,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 John Patten,
 John Richards,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Tompson J. Skinner,
 Israel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, Jun.
 Thomas Sprigg,
 William Strudwick,
 John Swanwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Abraham Venable, and
 Richard Winn.

NAYS.

Fisher Ames,
 Theophilus Bradbury,
 Joshua Coit,
 William Craik,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 James Davenport,
 George Dent,
 George Ege,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Thomas Henderson,
 William Hindman,

John Wilkes Kittera,
 Samuel Lyman,
 William Lyman,
 Francis Malbone,
 William Vans Murray,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 William Smith,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

And so the said bill was rejected, two-thirds of the House not agreeing to pass the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend, and repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States."

Ordered, That Mr. Dearbon, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Parker, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Champlain, in the State of New York, in behalf of themselves and sundry inhabitants of the Northern part of the town of Plattsborough, in the said State, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said memorial ought not to be granted.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, the petition of James O'Brien and James Aylward, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That provision be made, by law, to remit to James O'Brien and James Aylward, distressed mariners, who took refuge in the port of Plymouth, in November

last, the duties of tonnage due upon their vessels, namely : the schooner Endeavor, of the burthen of thirty-eight tons, and the schooner Fish-hawk, of the burthen of fifty-two tons.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ;" another entitled "An act relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage ;" another entitled "An act for raising a further sum of money by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes ;" and another entitled "An act to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,' passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to one, and disagreement to two other of the said amendments.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report and amendments : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the third amendment, and doth disagree to the first and second amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend and repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien and James Aylward ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the bill extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

An engrossed bill to amend and repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend and repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have postponed until the next session of Congress, the farther consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation to satisfy certain demands attending the late insurrection, and to increase the compensation to jurors and witnesses in the Courts of the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims of the seventeenth of January last, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of the late Scolacuttaw, or Hanging Maw ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table ; and the same being read, in the words following, to wit :

"That she complains against the conduct of one John Beard and a number of armed men, who, she states, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, contrary to law, and the good faith of Government, attacked the dwelling house of the petitioner and her husband ; killed and wounded a number of well disposed Indians, burnt and destroyed and carried away their property, and wounded the petitioner. She now prays that some provision may be made for her.

"After examining the statement made by the petitioner, and the facts upon which she rests her present application, the committee have found some difficulty in deciding what measures would be most advisable to the House to adopt.

"Previous to the attack on the Hanging Maw, the frontier settlers of Tennessee, and the Indians in that quarter, had been guilty of mutual acts of aggression and hostility. A party of the Indians had killed some settlers ; their trail was discovered, conducting across the Tennessee ; this circumstance induced a belief in their pursuers that the Hanging Maw had been concerned in that business, and occasioned his being wounded, and the misfortunes complained of by his widow. The general opinion, however, represents the Hanging Maw as having been uniformly friendly to the settlers ; as vigilant to apprise them of the approach of banditti, and constant in his exertions, on all occasions, to compose differences between them and his nation : and withal, as possessing considerable influence over the Indians. The same disposition is also attributed to his widow, the present petitioner ; who, instead of exciting her People to acts of retaliation, has abated nothing in her friendship to the white People.

"All these circumstances seem to countenance, if not to require for her, a pension from the Government, or some other relief from the Legislature. Such a provision might also be considered as extending its influence beyond the particular object ; or as an inciting cause to other Indians to pursue a similar line of conduct, under circumstances alike cruel and distressing, should they happen.

"But, on the other hand, it is to be considered there are citizens on the frontiers who have suffered injuries as cruel, and deprivations as severe, by the Indians ; and who have been thereby left in situations of distress that would equally call for assistance from the Legislature. Questions arise whether both descriptions of sufferers ought to be provided for. Whether the abilities of Government would be competent to meet all possible claims of this nature ; and whether help can be extended by law to the one, and consistently refused to the other.

"It may be said that those who settle upon the frontiers voluntarily assume all the risks and dangers attached to that position ; and, therefore, can have no just claim upon Government for consequences resulting from their choice ; whilst, on the contrary, policy requires that the minds of Indians who may be roused to hostility by acts of the settlers should be quieted by small pecuniary interpositions.

"Under these views of the subject, the committee have hesitated what report to make ; but, upon the whole, as the authority vested in the Executive Department is competent to meet this claim ; and should the petitioner, from her sufferings and her attachment to the United States, appear to the Executive to be entitled to any annual relief, as it may be afforded out of the appropriations for contingent expenses, in the Indian Department, without an interference of the Legislature ; and, as this mode will probably involve the fewest difficulties, the committee think she should apply to that Department ; and that the prayer of her petition ought not to be granted."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief and protection of American seamen;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject matter of the amendment depending between the two Houses to the resolutions of this House of the fifth of January last, "relative to the balances found due by commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and the individual States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their said resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the report of the Secretary of State on the memorials of George Smith and John Robertson, reported a bill to authorize the adjustment and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

An engrossed bill for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien and James Aylward was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien and James Aylward."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth of December last, the petition of sundry merchants and traders of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the said report and petition be postponed until the next session of Congress.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt, in payment for the lands of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven;" another entitled "An act relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage;" another entitled "An act for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain arti-

cles imported, and for other purposes ;" another entitled "An act to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States ;" and another entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1797.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief and protection of American seamen," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief and protection of American seamen."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to apply a further sum to the expense of negotiations with the Dey and Regency of Algiers." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing an expenditure, and making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the belligerent Powers." The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes, and his associates.'" The Senate insist on their first amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,' passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description," and recede from their third amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the said bill. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue the act, passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of clerks,' with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit : one entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States ;" and another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States ;" also, a resolve "for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, concerning the suability of States." And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, together with the amendments reported thereto, from the Committee of the Whole House, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

The amendment following the twenty-third line in the first section, being again read, to insert the words, "for finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation, the sum of ——— dollars ;"

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the same, by inserting, after the words "finishing the," the words "hulls of :"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45,
Nays 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Albert Gallatin,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Wade Hampton,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,

James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
John Patten,
John Richards,
John S. Sherburne,
Israel Smith,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
William Strudwick,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Abraham Venable,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
William B. Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Edward Livingston,
Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Josiah Parker,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
John Swanwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

And then the question being taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 58,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Richard Brent,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,

William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
George Ege,
William Findley,
Abiel Foster,

Dwight Foster,
 Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 William B. Grove,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 Thomas Hartley,
 John Heath,
 William Hindman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Edward Livingston,
 Samuel Lyman,
 Francis Malbone,
 John Milledge,
 Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 John Nicholas,

Alexander D. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 Elisha R. Potter,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Sewall,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Nathaniel Smith,
 Isaac Smith,
 William Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 John Swanwick,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 Mark Thompson,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 David Bard,
 Thomas Blount,
 Nathan Bryan,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 John Clopton,
 Isaac Coles,
 Jesse Franklin,
 Albert Gallatin,
 James Gillespie,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Wade Hampton,
 John Hathorn,

Jonathan N. Havens,
 James Holland,
 Andrew Jackson,
 George Jackson,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,
 Samuel Maclay,
 Nathaniel Macor,
 Andrew Moore,
 Anthony New,
 John Patten,
 John Richards,
 Israel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg, jun.
 William Strudwick, and
 Abraham Venable.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States;" another entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels,' and to an act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" and another entitled "An act granting a certain sum of money to the widow and children of John de Neufville, deceased."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled 'An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar,' and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt in payment for the lands of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien, and James Aylward." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for certain buoys to be

placed in and near the harbor of Boston." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Money," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate also agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the fifth and seventeenth amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;'" and insist on all their amendments disagreed to by this House, to the said bill. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to re-consider the first amendment, insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'Act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,' passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their disagreement to the said first amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendments of the Senate, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States:'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the first, seventh, eighth, ninth, eighteenth, and twenty-second amendments.

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the twentieth amendment, in the words following:

SECTION 6, line 2d, after the word "are," insert "sufficiently dried and."

The yeas and nays thereon, being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

There appeared, { Yeas, 39,
 { Nays, 31.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
Theophilus Bradbury,
Nathan Bryan,
Daniel Buck,
Joshua Coit,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Henry Dearborn,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Nathaniel Freeman, jun.
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,

William B. Grove,
Wade Hampton,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Samuel Lyman,
John Milledge,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Nathaniel Smith,
William Strudwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
John E. Van Allen,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Coles,
William Cooper,
William Findley,
Jesse Franklin,

Albert Gallatin,
Christopher Greenup,
Carter B. Harrison,
Jonathan N. Havens,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
Edward Livingston,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,

Francis Malbone,
Andrew Moore,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Elisha R. Potter,

John Richards,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
John Swanwick,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Abraham Venable.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1797.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time ; and

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time :

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act authorizing an expenditure, and making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the belligerent Powers ;" another entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to apply a further sum to the expense of negotiations with the Dey and Regency of Algiers ;" another entitled "An act providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbour of Boston ;" another entitled "An act for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien and James Aylward ;" another entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned ;" and another entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads, within the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks:'"

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Money :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendment to the first section.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendments to the second, third, and fifth sections.

Resolved, That this House doth also agree to the two new sections proposed to be added to the said bill, with an amendment to the first of the said sections.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

"*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the five hundred copies of the laws of the United States, directed to be printed by the act, entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," and which were, by the said act, reserved for the future disposition of Congress, shall be distributed by the Secretary of State, in

Wade Hampton,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Jonathan N. Havens,
Thomas Henderson,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
George Leonard,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
John Milledge,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford.

Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Israel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Richard Sprigg, junior,
Thomas Sprigg,
John Swanwick,

Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
John E. Van Allen,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Demsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
William B. Grove,
John Heath,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,

George Jackson,
Matthew Locke,
Samuel Maclay,
Andrew Moore,
John Patten,
William Strudwick, and
Richard Winn.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendments, was then read the third time :

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate recede from their third amendment, insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,' passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description," to their disagreement to which this House hath adhered. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend and repeal, in part, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill, and the same being severally read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act relative to the compensations and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of impost and tonnage;" another entitled "An act for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes ;" and another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue the act passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of clerks.'" The Senate have postponed until the next session of Congress, the consideration of the bill entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the relief and protection of Amercian Seamen;'" also, the bill, entitled "An act directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Money," and agree to the amendment of this House to the first of the two new sections proposed by the Senate to be added to the said bill. The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House "for the distribution of an edition of the laws of the United States," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the said resolution, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of John Brown; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-fifth ultimo, to whom were referred the several petitions of Griffin Griffith, of William Laken, by Jeremiah Smith, his Attorney, of John Rearden, of Philip Tabor, and of John Wooton, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

The said report being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"That these petitioners, respectively, pray, that their names may be placed on the pension list.

"If the statements made by them are true, and should be substantiated at the War Office, the committee are of opinion that the objects of their petitions may be obtained under the fifth section of the act of Congress, of the twenty-third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled 'An act to provide for the settlement of the claims of widows and orphans barred by the limitations heretofore established, and to regulate the claims to invalid pensions.'

"This being the case, the committee suppose it would not be proper for the House to make any further provision in these cases."

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, of the twenty-fourth of February last, to whom was referred a motion of the twenty-second of the same month, "directing the Secretary of the Treasury to lay before Congress, annually, statements of the amount of duties and drawbacks from the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, inclusive," which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before Congress, annually, a statement of the amount of duties and drawbacks on the several articles imported into the United States, and re-exported therefrom, each to include the three years, respectively, immediately preceding that year in which it shall be made.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was, this day, committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota,'" be discharged therefrom; and that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until the next session of Congress.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to authorize the

receipt of evidences of the public debt, in payment for the lands of the United States ;" another entitled "An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled 'An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar,' and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act :'" another entitled "An act authorizing an expenditure and making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States for property captured by the belligerent Powers ;" another entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to apply a further sum to the expense of negotiations with the Dey and Regency of Algiers ;" another entitled "An act providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston ;" another entitled "An act for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien and James Aylward ;" another entitled "An act for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned ;" and another entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States.'"

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House of Representatives, within the first week of January next, abstracts of the accounts of all the paymasters, quartermasters, contractors, agents for the purchase of supplies, and, generally, of all the receivers of the public moneys, paid out of the Treasury, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, to the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, on account of the Military Establishment, so as to exhibit a detailed statement of the ultimate application of the moneys thus expended during the abovementioned period : and that, where any of the accounts shall not have been finally settled, he shall lay before the House an estimate of the application of the moneys not accounted for.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay, at the same time, before the House of Representatives, similar abstracts of the public moneys expended for the building of the frigates.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to lay before the House of Representatives, within the last week of January, in each year, a statement of the Military Establishment during the preceding year, distinguishing the sums expended under each of the heads for which specific appropriations have been made, and an estimate of the probable unsatisfied demands in relation to each of these heads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the Western Territory of the United States, and giving a pre-emption of the same to certain purchasers and settlers ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until the next session of Congress.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Brown was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Brown."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Whereas it is stated to this House, in a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fifteenth ultimo, that the accounts of moneys advanced to Edmund Randolph, Esquire, late Secretary of State, for the expenses of foreign intercourse, still remain unsettled ; and that neither the accounts of the foreign Ministers, Bankers, and Agents of the United States, nor the records of the Department of State, contain any explanation in respect to a considerable sum of the said moneys :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before the House of Representatives information of the amount of the sums so received by the said Edmund Randolph, Esq.

for which there is no explanation, as aforesaid; and what measures have been taken to obtain a settlement of the said accounts.

The question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until six o'clock, post meridiem.

Six o'clock, P. M. Friday, March 3, 1797.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments. Whereupon,

The first amendment, for striking out, in the fortieth line of the first section, the words, "*the sum of one hundred dollars,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "six months pay and subsistence," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The other amendment being read, for adding to the end of the said first section, a proviso, in the words following, to wit: "*Provided, That, in case of accident or contingency, any sum specifically appropriated should fall short of the object intended, any sum may be taken from any other specific appropriation contained in this act, and unexpended, to make up the deficiency occasioned by such accident or contingency; and such expenditure, with the reason of it, shall be stated to Congress in the annual statement of expenditures :*"

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 36,
 { Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theophilus Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Demsey Burges,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
George Dent,
George Ege,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,

William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
George Leonard,
Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Richard Brent,
Nathan Bryan,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Isaac Colles,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,

Jesse Franklin,
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,
Albert Gallatin,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Wade Hampton,
John Hathorn,
Jonathan N. Havens,
John Heath,
James Holland,
Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,

Edward Livingston,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Patten,

Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Tompson J. Skinner,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
Thomas Sprigg,
William Strudwick,
John Swanwick,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Brown." The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the circuit courts of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and receivers of public money ;" another entitled "An act to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers ;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of John Brown :". Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, for adding a proviso to the end of the first section of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act making appropriations for the military and naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ;" another entitled "An act concerning the circuit courts of the United States ;" and another entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress :". Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury do lay before the House of Representatives, as early as may be, after the commencement of the next session, a statement of the goods, wares, and merchandises, imported into the United States, during the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and those parts of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the accounts respecting which, can be obtained in due time ; which statement shall distinguish the amount, in quantity or value, or both, as the case may be, of the several articles paying a rate of duty ad valorem, divided and arranged under such heads as the said Secretary shall deem most conducive to a clear and full view of the subject ; and shall, moreover, distinguish from what countries the importations, respectively, were made, and whether in American or foreign vessels.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Harper, Mr. Coit, Mr. Buck, and Mr. Thatcher ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Harper, from the committee last appointed, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the motion referred to them under consideration, and directed him to report, as their opinion, that the same be agreed to by the House, without amendment.

On the question that the House do agree to the said report,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and receivers of public money;" another entitled "An act to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers;" another entitled "An act for the relief of John Brown;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military and Naval establishments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven;" another entitled "An act concerning the Circuit Courts of the United States;" and another titled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

Ordered, That Aaron Sheffield and John Robinson, who severally presented petitions to this House, on the sixth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and the fourth of January last, have leave to withdraw the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt in payment for the lands of the United States;" another entitled "An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled 'An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar,' and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act;" another entitled "An act authorizing an expenditure, and making an appropriation, for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the Belligerent Powers;" another entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to apply a further sum to the expense of negotiations with the Dey and Regency of Algiers;" another entitled "An act providing for certain buoys to be placed in or near the harbor of Boston;" another entitled "An act for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James G'Brien and James Aylward;" another entitled "An act for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned;" another entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States;" another entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and receivers of public money;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military and Naval establishments for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven;" another entitled "An act for the relief of John Brown;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the adjustment, and payment at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit: one entitled "An act concerning the Circuit Courts of the United States;" and another entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress." And then he withdrew.

A petition of Putnam Catlin, and others, holders of lands in the County of Luzerne, in the State of Pennsylvania, under the charter of the late colony of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that the petitioners may be enabled to obtain a trial in the case of a controversy between them and sundry other persons, claiming the said lands under the charter of Pennsylvania, by an impartial jury, in some State which is not interested in the said controversy; or that such other relief may be granted in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of Thomas Morse and William Stanwood, junior, of the District of Maine, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of themselves and others, owners of the fishing schooners Atlas and Betsey, praying that they may receive the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the cod fisheries of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Swanwick, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, the petition of William Ellison, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twentieth ultimo, the petition of Thomas Butler, and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Swanwick, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twelfth of De-

cember last, the petition of Joseph Rittenhouse, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,'" passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description;" another entitled "An act to amend, and repeal, in part, the act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,'" another entitled "An act extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" another entitled "An act to revive and continue the act, passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of clerks,'" also, an enrolled resolve "for the distribution of an edition of the laws of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion made and seconded,

That the thanks of this House be presented to Jonathan Dayton, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in discharging the arduous and important duties assigned him while in the chair,

It was resolved unanimously: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments to the House, in manner following:

"*Gentlemen*: I feel myself deeply impressed with this fresh proof of your approbation of my conduct in the chair. The confidence and support which you have, in every instance, afforded me in the station assigned to me, have alone enabled me to discharge the important duty, with satisfaction to myself, and with advantage to the public."

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,'" passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description;" another entitled "An act to amend and repeal, in part, the act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the Military establishment of the United States,'" another entitled "An act extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" and another entitled "An act to revive and continue the act, passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks,'" also, an enrolled resolve "for the distribution of an edition of the laws of the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that Congress is ready to adjourn, without day, unless he may have any farther communication to make to them. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Sitgreaves, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Sherburne, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act repealing, in part, the 'act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States,'" passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description;" another entitled "An act to amend, and repeal, in part, the act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,'" another entitled "An act extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" and another entitled "An act to revive and continue the act, passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks,'" also, an enrolled resolve "for the distribution of an edition of the laws of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

“ This House being strongly impressed with the important and disinterested services rendered to their country, during the late war, by their fellow-citizen Major General Lafayette ; and deeply lamenting his present sufferings, from a long and afflicting captivity, which have equally excited their own sympathy, and the anxious solicitude of their constituents,

Do Resolve, That the President of the United States be informed that the House will see, with the highest satisfaction, any measures which he may deem it expedient to adopt, towards effecting the restoration of their aforesaid fellow-citizen to the enjoyment of liberty.”

The previous question thereon was called for by five members, to wit : “ Shall the main question to agree to the said motion, be now put ?

And on the previous question, to wit : “ Shall the said main question be now put ?”

It passed in the negative.

Mr. Sitgreaves, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the intended recess of Congress, reported that the committee had performed that service ; and that the President signified to them, that he had no farther communication to make during the present session : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House *sine die*.

A SUPPLEMENTAL JOURNAL

Of such Proceedings as, during the time they were depending, were ordered to be kept secret.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1797.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Craik, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

Herewith I lay before you, in confidence, reports from the Departments of State and the Treasury, by which you will see the present situation of our affairs with the Dey and Regency of Algiers.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *January 9th*, 1797.

The said message, and reports referred to therein, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1797.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to select such parts of the confidential communication sent to this House, by a message of the President of the United States, of the ninth instant, as in their opinion may, with propriety, be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Madison, Mr. Ames, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Grove and Mr. Baldwin, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1797.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to select such parts of the confidential communication from the President of the United States, of the ninth instant, as in their opinion may, with propriety, be printed, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1797.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to select such parts of the confidential communication from the President of the United States, of the ninth instant, as, in their opinion, may, with propriety, be printed : Whereupon,

The said report being read, in the words following, to wit :

“ That there be printed, for the use of the members only, copies of the reports to the President, from the Secretary of State, and Secretary of the Treasury, with an exception of the passages marked by crotchets, and of the letter from Joel Barlow and Joseph Donaldson, Jun. accompanying the first of the said reports.”

A motion was made and seconded to amend the said report, by inserting, after the words “ for the use of the members only,” the words “ under such guards as the Speaker shall direct.”

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said report, as amended, being again read at the Clerk's table,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 53,
{ Nays 36.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Andrew Jackson,
George Jackson,
Edward Livingston,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Samuel Maclay,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
John Milledge,
Andrew Moore,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
John Patten,
Francis Preston,
John Richards,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
Richard Sprigg, jun.
John Swanwick,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Abraham Venable, and
Richard Winn.

Theophilus. Bradbury,
Daniel Buck,
Gabriel Christie,
Joshua Coit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Nathaniel Freeman, Jun.
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Thomas Henderson,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Samuel Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Jeremiah Smith,
Nathaniel Smith,
Isaac Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Mark Thomson,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Williams.

Ordered, That the confidential message of the President of the United States, of the ninth ultimo, enclosing reports from the Departments of State and of the Treasury, relative to the present situation of the affairs of the United States with the Dey and Regency of Algiers, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Muhlenberg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said message and reports under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said message and reports.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1797.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the confidential Message of the President of the United States of the ninth ultimo, enclosing reports from the Departments of State and of the Treasury, relative to the present situation of the affairs of the United States with the Dey and Regency of Algiers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said message and reports under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to apply a further sum of two hundred and fifty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and three cents to the extra expenses which have attended the intercourse of the United States with Algiers ; and that a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and three cents be appropriated for that purpose.

Resolved, That the further sum of ninety-six thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-three cents be appropriated for discharging the two first years annuity to Algiers, pursuant to treaty, in addition to the sum appropriated for that purpose, by the act of the sixth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, pursuant thereto.

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43	A bill for determining the northern boundary of the territory ceded the United States by the State of North Carolina	155	176	-	177	209	—rejected by Senate		
44	A bill providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith on public account	152	-	-	152	161	162, 167	-	168
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47	Amend title, Strike out the part in italics.						
48	A bill to compensate Arthur St. Clair	162	171	172	183	186, 187	192
49	A bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States	168	173	174	193	194, 197	200
50	A bill for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers	170	183	185	208	209, 212, 213, 214, 215	
51	A bill laying certain duties on manufactured tobacco, snuff, and refined sugar	167	167, 176, 178	178	197	199, 200	208
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53	A bill for altering the time for the next annual meeting of Congress	173		174	176	178, 180	188
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	A bill to make further compensation for the services of the late Robert Forsyth, Marshal of Georgia	178	179, 181—rejected.	198	202	204, 208	213
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55	A bill laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons	179	182	184	202	203, 203	208
56	A bill laying duties on licenses for selling wines and spirituous liquors by retail	183	188	189	202	202, 203, 203	208
57	A bill providing for the payment of a sum of money to the French Republic	185	188	190	213	—rejected by Senate	216
58	A bill laying duties on property sold at auction	185	189	190	208	209, 211, 211	
59	A bill to authorize the President of the United States to receive cessions of lands for the site of light-houses and beacons, under certain limitations	186	200—rejected.				

60	A bill for the relief of John Robbe	189	.	.	.	.	.	.	191	199	199, 200	.	201
61	A bill to provide for a health officer for the town of Baltimore Title amended, <i>An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed 28th December, 1793, for the appointment of a health officer.</i>	192	207	.	.	.	.	.	208	213	213, 214, 215	.	216
62	A bill concerning invalids	192	196	.	.	.	.	.	199	208	211, 212	.	212
63	A bill to extend the credit for duties on teas imported in the ship Argonaut, and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove	194	.	.	.	.	.	.	194	199	199, 200	.	201
64	A bill making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed	201	205, 208	.	.	.	.	.	211	215	215	.	
65	A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers,	205	.	.	.	.	.	.	205	211	211, 212	.	212
66	A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act entitled "An act to ascertain the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes,"	206	.	.	.	.	.	.	206	-	209—rejected by S.		
67	A bill to authorize the settlement of the claim of Griffith Jones and Samuel Priolieu, and John R. Livingston, against the United States,	209	.	.	.	.	.	.	209	211	postponed till next session.		
69	A bill making an extra allowance to certain clerks in the public offices, and to the widows and families of certain deceased clerks,	211	212	212	214	—rejected by Sen.		
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70	A bill for the relief of Peter Covenhoven,	250	252	259	275	276, 279	.	280
71	A bill extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Be-legate from the Southwestern Territory, and making provision for his compensation,	238	239	240	245	248, 249	.	250
72	A bill for the relief of John R. Livingston,	241	244, 247	.	.	.	.	.
73	A bill to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time,	239	240	.	.	.	.	.	241	246	246, 246	.	246
74	A bill to regulate the pay of non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes,	246	248, 249, 250, 252, 258, 263,	263	270	272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 278, 279		280

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76	A bill making further provision in cases of drawbacks,	276	283	285	298	299, 303, 306	308
77	A bill supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels,	277	285, 287	287	303	305, 306	308
78	A bill supplementary to the act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same,	291	297, 300	301	319	320, 328	
79	A bill supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels,'	297	304	304	334	334, 336, 338, 341	345
80	A bill to authorize the accounting officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, dec'd.	262	263	263	268	268, 269	269
81a	A bill for the relief of sick and disabled seamen,						
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83	A bill to amend the act entitled 'An act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization,'	266	272, 275, 277, 278, 279, 280, 284, 285, 286	287	304	305, 306	308
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85	A bill authorizing a loan of two millions of dollars,	260		261	267	268, 269	269

86	A bill for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina, -	263	274	-	272	276	278, 279	-	280
87	A bill authorizing the transfer of the Stock standing to the credit of certain States, -	271	272	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	A bill for the benefit of Thomas Rudolph, representative of Major John Rudolph, -	265	267	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	A bill making appropriations for the expenses of the militia lately called into the service of the United States, -	267	269	-	270	273	274, 279	-	280
90	A bill for the ascertainment of certain losses of the officers of Government, and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers, -	275	283	-	284	305	341, 343, 345	-	348
91	A bill providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, -	275	276, 277	-	277	279	280, 287	-	288
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93	A bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the United States, -	312	324, 330, 333	-	-	-	-	-	-
94	A bill to authorize the exportation of a quantity of lead, in the ship Pigou, to China, -	293	294	-	-	303	305	-	307
95	A bill for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels	295	300	-	301	-	-	-	-
96	A bill to repeal part of the act entitled 'An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same,' -	297	300	-	330	333	—disagreed to by S.	-	-
97	A bill for reviving certain suits and process, which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania, -	298	-	-	299	303	305, 306	-	307
98	A bill supplementary to the act concerning invalids, -	300	302	-	305	324	325, 332, 334	-	335
99	A bill to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes, -	302	329, 330	-	331	338	340, 345	-	349
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103	A bill authorizing the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina, -	308	314	316	324	332, 334	335
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106	A bill for continuing and regulating the military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject, -	323	325	327	354	357, 359	359
107	A bill to amend an act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugars, -	320	340, 341, 348	349	356	357, 359	359
108	A bill enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines, -	330		332	337	338, 341	343
109	A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, passed the 3d of April, 1794, entitled 'An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences, from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensioners to the attorney of said district.						
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111	A bill for the re-imbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last Session of Congress, -	320	323	323	329	332, 334	335
112	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments," -	319		319	323	323, 324	325

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114	A bill laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons, and repealing the former act for that purpose, -	345	352	-	-	-	355	348	350	-	352
115	A bill for the relief of William Seymour, -	330	-	-	-	-	332	-	-	-	-
116	A bill to continue in force an act for ascertaining fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes, -	329	-	-	-	-	329	333	338, 341	-	343
117	A bill for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States, -	330	-	-	-	-	331	357	357, 359	-	359
118	A bill for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz, -	334	-	-	-	-	335	344	345, 350	-	352
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120	A bill for the relief of Robert Barton et al. -	333	-	-	-	-	333	344	345, 350	-	352
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123	A bill supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing the Mint, and regulating the Coins of the United States,' -	345	346	-	-	-	346	357	357, 359	-	359
124	A bill making a conditional provision for the expense of a Treaty with certain Indian tribes, -	344	353	-	-	-	354	358	359	-	359
125	A bill making further appropriations for the military and naval establishment, and for the support of Government, -	343	345	-	-	-	345	356	357, 359	-	359
126	A bill for extending the time relative to drawbacks on the exportation of certain military stores, -	345	-	-	-	-	346	558	—rejected by Senate	-	-
127	A bill to repeal the second section of the act entitled 'An act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the officers of both Houses,' -	348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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129	A bill supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes,' -	352	-	-	-	-	352	-	-	-	-
130	A bill authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons, therein named, on the pension list, -	352	355, 358	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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132	A bill for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to certain officers of both Houses, - - - - -	429	433, 439, 452	453	457	458, 468	468
133	A bill laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons, and repealing the former act for that purpose, - - - - -	477	544	545	563	567, 570, 574, 579	586
134	A bill establishing offices for the sale of lands in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, - - - - -	427	443, 445, 446, 447, 448, 456, 458				
135	A bill (amendatory) providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river, - - - - -	485	494, 495	497	544	549, 550, 552, 556 558	562
136	A bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the United States, - - - - -	426					
137	A bill to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers, - - - - -	426	433, 434, 442, 450, 506, 507, 508	510	556	559, 560	563
138	A bill for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, - - - - -	390	408, 409, 411, 412	432	442	443, 448, 452, 455, 495, 505, 509, 510, 514	516
139	A bill further extending the time for receiving, on loan, the domestic debt of the United States, - - - - -	434	438, 439	439	444	445, 446	448
140	A bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations, and to continue in force the act entitled 'An act providing the means of intercourse between the U. States and foreign nations,' - - - - -	553	562	563	580	582, 590	591

141	A bill to continue in force an act 'for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the U. States, and for other purposes,	476	-	477	480	482, 485, 487	-	491
142	A bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1796,	423	423, 424	425	432	432, 434, 435	-	436
143	A bill for the relief of John Sears,	580	584	584	592	—rejected by the Senate.	-	
144	A bill authorizing a loan for the use of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, therein mentioned,	443	449, 450, 451, 469, 489	490	537	539, 540	-	542
145	A bill for the relief of certain officers and soldiers who have been wounded or disabled in the actual service of the U. States,	437	447	447	473	474, 477	-	479
146	A bill for the relief of Benjamin Strother,	438	447	447	449	450, 450	-	452
147	A bill regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,	436	548, 553, 557, 559	560	592	593, 595, 599, 600	-	601
148	A bill concerning the post road from Wiscasset, in Maine, to Savannah, in Georgia,	536	563	564	574	—rejected by the Senate.	-	
149	A bill for the relief of Israel Loring,	442	452	453	455	456, 458	-	468
150	A bill for the relief of Jose Roiz Silva,	443	452	453	472	473, 477	-	479
151	A bill providing relief, for a limited time, in certain cases of invalid registers,	442	452	453	456	457, 457, 458	-	468
152	A bill in addition to an act entitled 'An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt,'	470	489, 506	506	521	523, 523	-	526
154	A bill making a partial appropriation for the support of the military establishment for the year 1796,	456	457	458	466	468, 469	-	470
155	A bill for the relief and protection of American seamen,	470	483	484	518	519, 535, 536, 567, 547, 575, 579	-	586
156	A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to place certain persons, therein named, on the pension list,	470	474	476	510	511, 516, 517	-	518
157	A bill for the relief of Henry Messonier,	476	-	477	506	—Senate disagree.	-	
159	A bill authorizing the erection of a light-house on Baker's Island, in the State of Massachusetts,	479	489	490	494	495, 497	-	503
160	A bill for the relief of George Knowel Jackson,	479	-	480	487	—rejected by Senate.	-	

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161	A bill declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland, and to continue an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations, so far as the same respects the States of Georgia and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,	479	-	479	510	540, 541, 552	552
162	A bill to provide for the widows and orphans of certain officers who have died of wounds received in the service of the U. States, since the fourth of March, 1789,	491	-	492	511	—rejected by Senate	
163	A bill making provision for the payment, in part, of the debt due to the Bank of the United States,	497	509, 510, 520	-	-	See bill 564, amendatory.	
164	A bill (amendatory) making provision for the payment of certain debts of the United States,	535	540	541	561	562, 574, 575, 575, 576, 581, 586, 591, 592	594
165	A bill declaring the assent of Congress to such an act of the State of Massachusetts as may be passed for defraying the expense of erecting a pier near the mouth of Kennebunk river,	507					
166	A bill to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,	516	528, 529	532	566	567, 570, 572, 574, 581, 583, 585, 590	592
167	A bill making further provision relative to the revenue cutters,	510	520	520	533	535, 536	542
168	A bill altering the sessions of the Circuit Courts in the Districts of Vermont and Rhode Island,	546	-	547	578	-	583
169	A bill making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the treaty made between the United States and the King of Spain,	516	517	517	538	539, 540	542

170	A bill making appropriations for defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect a treaty made between the United States and certain Indian tribes Northwest of the river Ohio,	516	517	-	517	538	539, 540	-	542
171	A bill making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the treaty made between the United States and the Dey and Regency of Algiers,	518	519	-	520	538	539, 540	-	542
172	A bill providing relief to the owners of stills within the United States, for a limited time, in certain cases	520	533	-	535	595	599, 600	-	601
173	A bill allowing compensation for horses killed in battle, belonging to officers of the army of the United States	521	538	-	539	548	550, 552	-	552
174	A bill for discontinuing the drawback on the exportation of snuff from the United States	526	554—see amended bill, No. 175.	-	-	-	-	-	-
175	A bill (amendatory) supplementary to the act, entitled, "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar'"	561	564	-	553	578	580, 582	-	-
176	A bill relative to quarantine	545	551, 552	-	-	-	-	-	-
177	A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the 28th of December, 1793, for the appointment of a health officer"	528	-	-	529	537	539, 540	-	542
178	A bill making an appropriation towards defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made between the United States and the King of Great Britain	532	532	-	535	538	539, 540	-	542
179	A bill authorizing the erection of a light-house on Cape Cod, in the State of Massachusetts	537	-	-	539	554	556, 558	-	561
180	A bill for the relief of Moses Myers	537	-	-	539	565	—rejected by Sen.	-	-
181	A bill for the relief of Samuel Brown	537	-	-	539	552	Do.	-	-
182	A bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels'"	537	-	-	538	563	569, 571, 574, 575, 579	-	583
183	A bill for compensating Jonathan Hastings, deputy postmaster at Boston, for extra services	536	-	-	539	579	—rejected by Sen.	-	-
184	A bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States"	553	560, 560	-	561	562	—postponed by S.	-	-

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185	A bill to repeal so much of an act, entitled, "An act to establish the judicial Courts of the United States," as directs that alternate sessions of the Circuit Court for the District of Pennsylvania, shall be holden at Yorktown, and for other purposes	541	-	541	549	550, 552	552
186	A bill for the relief of Sylvanus Bourne	541	-	543	580	582, 590	591
187	A bill for making an additional allowance to certain public officers for the year 1796	548	-	558	574	—postponed by S.	
188	A bill to prevent the sale of prizes brought into the United States by vessels belonging to any foreign Prince or State	549	-	551	596	596	
189	A bill altering the compensation to the Accountant of the War Department	553	-	560	565	566, 567, 579	583
190	A bill providing for the more effectual collection of certain internal revenues of the United States	564	628				
191	A bill limiting the time for allowing a drawback on the exportation of domestic distilled spirits, and allowing a drawback upon such spirits, exported in vessels of less than thirty tons, by the Mississippi	564	-	566	593	594, 595	599
192	A bill for satisfying the claims of the executors of the late Baron Steuben	553	585	585	592	—rejected by Sen.	
193	A bill making an appropriation to satisfy certain demands attending the late insurrection, and to increase the compensation to marshals, jurors, and witnesses, in the Courts of the United States, and to allow a further compensation to the Attorney for the District of Kentucky	558	562, 579, 580	582	593	594, 595	599
194	A bill directing certain experiments to be made, to ascertain uniform standards of weights and measures for the U. States	559	-	563	597	—postponed by S.	

195	A bill to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to lease the Salt Springs reserved for the United States, in the territory north-west of the river Ohio	561	581, 582	-	582	596	—rejected by Sen.	599
196	A bill providing passports for ships and vessels of the United States	564	580	-	582	591	598, 595	-
197	A bill to authorize the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes, during the recess of Congress	567	598	-	599	601	—rejected by Sen.	-
198	A bill to suspend, in part, the act, entitled “An act to alter and amend the act, entitled ‘An act laying certain duties on snuff and refined sugar’”	566	-	-	566	591	591, 592, 593, 594, 595	599
199	A bill to indemnify the estate of the late Major General Nathaniel Green, for a certain bond entered into by him, during the late war	574	575	-	578	601	601, 602	602
200	A bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be located one mile square of land, at or near the mouth of the Great Miami River, reserved out of the grant to John Cleves Symmes, and for other purposes	585	-	-	586	592	—rejected by Sen.	-
201	A bill making appropriations for the support of the military and naval establishments for the year 1796	586	592	-	594	600	600, 601	601
202	A bill to alter the time of the next meeting of Congress	591	-	-	593	601	—rejected by Sen.	601
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205	A bill in addition to an act, entitled “An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States”	643	676, 677, 679	-	679	722	725, 736, 737, 741	744
206	A bill to amend and repeal, in part, an act, entitled “An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the U. States.”—[See bill of last Session, to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia]	622	624, 625, 642, 709	-	-	-	-	-
207	A bill in addition to the act, entitled “An act for the relief and protection of American seamen”	714	732	-	733	739	—postponed by S.	-
208	A bill for the relief of John Sears	628	629	-	630	696	—rejected by Sen.	-

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209	A bill for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia	655					
210	A bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage	655	667—see No. 211—next below.				
211	A bill (amendatory) relative to the compensation and duties of certain officers employed in the collection of imposts and tonnage	682	701, 714, 715	716	726	730, 732 . . .	739
212	A bill for the better regulation of pilots within the bay and river of the Chesapeake	642	659				
213	A bill making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as Secretary and Aid-de-Camp to Major General Lafayette	643	645	645	655	—rejected by Sen.	
214	A bill repealing, in part, the "Act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States," passed the 8th of May, 1792, and imposing certain duties on the capacity of stills of a particular description	690	698	699	730	733, 736, 739, 744	744
215	A bill in addition to an act entitled, "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned	655	704—see next below—amendatory.				
216	A bill (amendatory) to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing under the revenue laws, in certain cases therein mentioned	708	718	719	736	737, 741 . . .	744
217	A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of direct taxes	685					
218	A bill laying a direct tax on the United States	685					
219	A bill to alter and amend an act, entitled An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States	666	679, 683	685	708	709, 714, 726, 728, 744	744

220	A bill to augment the compensation of the Attorney General of the United States	678	709	-	-	713	727	730, 732	-	735
221	A bill to revive and continue the act, passed the 30th of May, 1796, "to regulate the compensation of Clerks"	678	709	-	-	713	733	737, 739, 744	-	744
222	A bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels," and an act entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same"	681	706	-	-	706	721	724, 725	-	735
223	A bill making appropriations for the support of Government, and a <i>partial appropriation for the military establishment, for the year 1797</i>	678	690, 709	-	-	712	726	730, 732	-	739
224	Bill amended—strike out the words in italics. A bill directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons on the pension list	703	707, 724, 727	-	-	727	729	—postponed by S.		
225	A bill allowing a drawback upon domestic distilled spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons, by the Mississippi	690	703	-	-	704	721	—postponed by S.		
226	A bill to provide more effectually for the settlement of accounts between the United States and Receivers of Public Monies	682	689	-	-	700	736	737, 740, 743, 744		744
227	A bill in addition to the act, "making an appropriation to satisfy certain demands attending the late insurrection, and to increase the compensation of jurors and witnesses in the Courts of the United States"	706	710	-	-	712	727	731		
228	A bill appropriating money for the purpose of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution, and Constellation	697	705—the provisions of this bill incorporated in the bill 229, next below.							
229	A bill repealing so much of an act, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to provide a naval armament, as relates to the officering and manning the frigates building in the United States, and appropriating money for the purposes of finishing the frigates United States, Constitution and Constellation"	697	705	-	-	706	725	726		
230	A bill granting a certain sum of money to the widow and children of John de Neuville, deceased	698		-	-	699	721	721, 725	-	735

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No.	TITLE.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole, and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Sen.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
231	A bill to incorporate the Commissioners of Washington, in the District of Columbia -	722					
232	A bill in addition to the act, "authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes and his associates"	704	714 - - -	715	733	—rejected by Sen.	
233	A bill for raising a further sum of money, by additional duties on certain articles imported, and for other purposes -	707	708, 709, 716, 717 -	719	726	730, 732 -	739
234	A bill making appropriations to defray the expense of negotiations with Mediterranean Powers - Title amended— <i>authorizing the President of the United States to apply a further sum to the expense of negotiations with the Dey and Regency of Algiers.</i>	706	710 - - -	712	733	737, 740 -	744
235	A bill to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt, in payment for the lands of the U. States -	721	- - -	723	732	735, 740 -	744
236	A bill making appropriations for the Military and Naval establishments, for the year 1797 -	710	725, 726, 733	737	742	743, 744 -	744
237	A bill making an appropriation for the prosecution of the claims of certain citizens of the United States, for property captured by the belligerent powers -	715	721 - - -	722	733	737, 741 -	744
238	Title amended— <i>prefix—authorizing an expenditure and</i> A bill to suspend, in part, the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the act entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar, and to grant relief in certain cases arising under the said act'" -						
239	A bill for the relief of John Brown -	709	721 - - -	723	732	735, 741 -	744
240	A bill providing for certain buoys to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston -	721	740 - - -	741	743	743, 744 -	744
		221	730 - - -	732	735	737, 741 -	744

241	A bill extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States	725	-	-	732	744	-	744
242	A bill to authorize the adjustment and payment, at the Treasury, of the expenses of George Smith and John Robertson, for their ransom from captivity at Algiers	732	-	-	741	743, 744	-	744
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243	A bill to amend, and repeal, in part, the act, entitled, "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States"	730	-	-	730	744	-	744
244	A bill for the remission of the duties of tonnage on the vessels of James O'Brien and James Aylward	730	-	-	732	737, 741	-	744

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1	An act making an alteration in the Flag of the United States	24	28	29	31, 32	39
2	An act in alteration of the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States	65	65, 72	72	75, 76	78
3	An act to erect a lighthouse on the head land of Cape Hatteras and a lighted beacon on Ocracock Island, in the State of North Carolina	88	119, 120, 139	143	147, 155	155
4	An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States	92	92, 193, 195	195	199, 199, 200	205
5	An act allowing to Major General Lafayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States	92	94	99	101, 104	105
6	An act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroy- ed by fire	98	99, 203	204	207, 208	213
7	An act to authorize the President of the United States, in certain cases, to alter the place of holding a session of Congress	102	103	103	106, 110	112
8	An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth, who was killed in the service of the United States	108	109, 110, 173—rejected			
9	An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire	137	137	139	139, 143	147
10	An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and am- munition, and encouraging the importation of the same	143	147	168	174, 175	175
11	An act in addition to the act for making further and more effectual pro- vision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States	154	155, 202	202	203, 207, 208	213
12	An act further to authorize the adjournment of Circuit Courts	155	-	156	162, 167	169
13	An act to continue in force the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt	178	-	179	182, 183	187
14	An act further extending the time for receiving, on loan, the domestic debt of the United States	178	-	179	182, 183	187

15	An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased, or built, a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys, in the service of the U. States -	179	199, 200	-	-	200	202, 203, 203	-	208
16	An act for extending the benefit of drawback, and terms of credit, in certain cases, and for other purposes -	179	-	-	-	194	197	-	201
16	An act authorizing the settlement of certain expenses of the Commissioners of Loans -	180	187	-	-	201	203, 203	-	208
17	An act allowing an additional compensation to the principal Clerks in the Department of State, and in the Treasury and War Departments, for the year 1794 -	180	204	-	-	204	207, 208	-	213
18	An act to increase the military force of the United States, and to encourage the recruiting service -	187	187—rejected.	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	An act for the further compensation of Clerks in the Auditor's Office -	215	215—rejected.	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Second Session, Third Congress:</i>									
20	An act to amend and explain the twenty-second section of the act, "establishing the Judicial Courts of the United States" -	260	261	-	-	261	262, 264	-	264
21	An act to establish the Office of Purveyor of Public Supplies -	272	272, 293, 329	-	-	329	332, 334	-	337
22	An act further extending the time for receiving, on loan, the domestic debt of the United States -	283	283	-	-	298	303, 306	-	307
23	An act authorizing the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau -	289	290, 291, 297	-	-	298	289, 303, 306	-	307
24	An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and post roads within the United States" -	291	300, 303, 306, 314, 317	-	-	320	334, 335, 337, 338	-	344
25	An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes" -	293	294, 295	-	-	295	297, 306	-	311
26	An act for the relief of Agnes McLean -	334	335, 337	-	-	338	338, 340, 345	-	348
27	An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned	338	340, 343	-	-	345	346, 350	-	353
29	An act for allowing additional compensation to the Judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware -	338	339	-	-	341	343, 345	-	348
30	An act to prevent depredations on the Indians south of the Ohio -	347	—rejected.	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	An act relative to the passing of certain vessels between Long Island and Rhode Island -	348	348	-	-	348	350	-	353
32	An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks -	348	349	-	-	354	356, 357, 359, 585	-	359

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No.	TITLE.	Received from Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the whole, and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
33	An act to amend the second section of an act "to erect a lighthouse on the head land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle Island, in the harbor of Ocracock, in the State of North Carolina"	349	352			
34	An act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes	352	353	353	357, 358	359
<i>First Session, Fourth Congress:</i>						
35	An act to regulate proceedings in cases of outlawry	411	429			
36	An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of the useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose"	423	423, 425, 430, 449, 551, 542			
37	An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt	457	458, 548, 556, 561, 562	562	566, 569, 570, 574, 575, 579, 580, 582	590
38	An act making an extra allowance to certain Clerks in the public offices, and to the widows of certain deceased Clerks	474	560, 580			
39	An act making certain provisions in regard to the Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina	480	-	481	485, 487	491
40	An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide a Naval armament"	485	502, 504	506	511, 515	521
41	An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks	497	544, 555, 556, 563, 569	569	570, 571, 574, 580, 583, 590	591
42	An act to authorize Ebenezer Zane to locate certain lands in the Territory of the United States northwest of the river Ohio	426	532, 545, 548	550	551, 552, 560	561
43	An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned	556	558, 581	581	583, 590	591
44	An act providing passports for the ships and vessels of the U. States	560	561, 562--rejected by H. R.			
45	An act respecting the Mint	566	567, 569	570	574, 575, 579	583

46	An act laying out into one State, the territory ceded by the State of N. Carolina to the U. States, and providing for an enumeration of the free inhabitants thereof	582	583, 587	-	590	593, 594, 595, 599, 600	602
47	Title amended—An act for the admission of the State of Tennessee into the Union.	597	598, 600—rejected by H. R.				
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48	An act granting an additional allowance to the Clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate	628	628				
49	An act repealing the limitation to the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to continue in force the same	644	710	-	713	722, 724, 725	733
50	An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Tennessee.	648	654, 655	-	656	660, 661, 666, 667	668
51	An act for increasing the compensations allowed to the members of the Legislature, and certain officers of the Government, for a limited time.	683	687—rejected by H. R.				
52	An act to accommodate the President	710	722	-	723	725, 726, 732	733
	Title amended—Making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States.						
53	An act concerning the Circuit Courts of the United States	727	728, 738	-	739	743, 743, 744	744
54	An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress	733	-	-	737	743, 744	744
55	An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying north west of the river Ohio between the Little Miami and Sciota'"						
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